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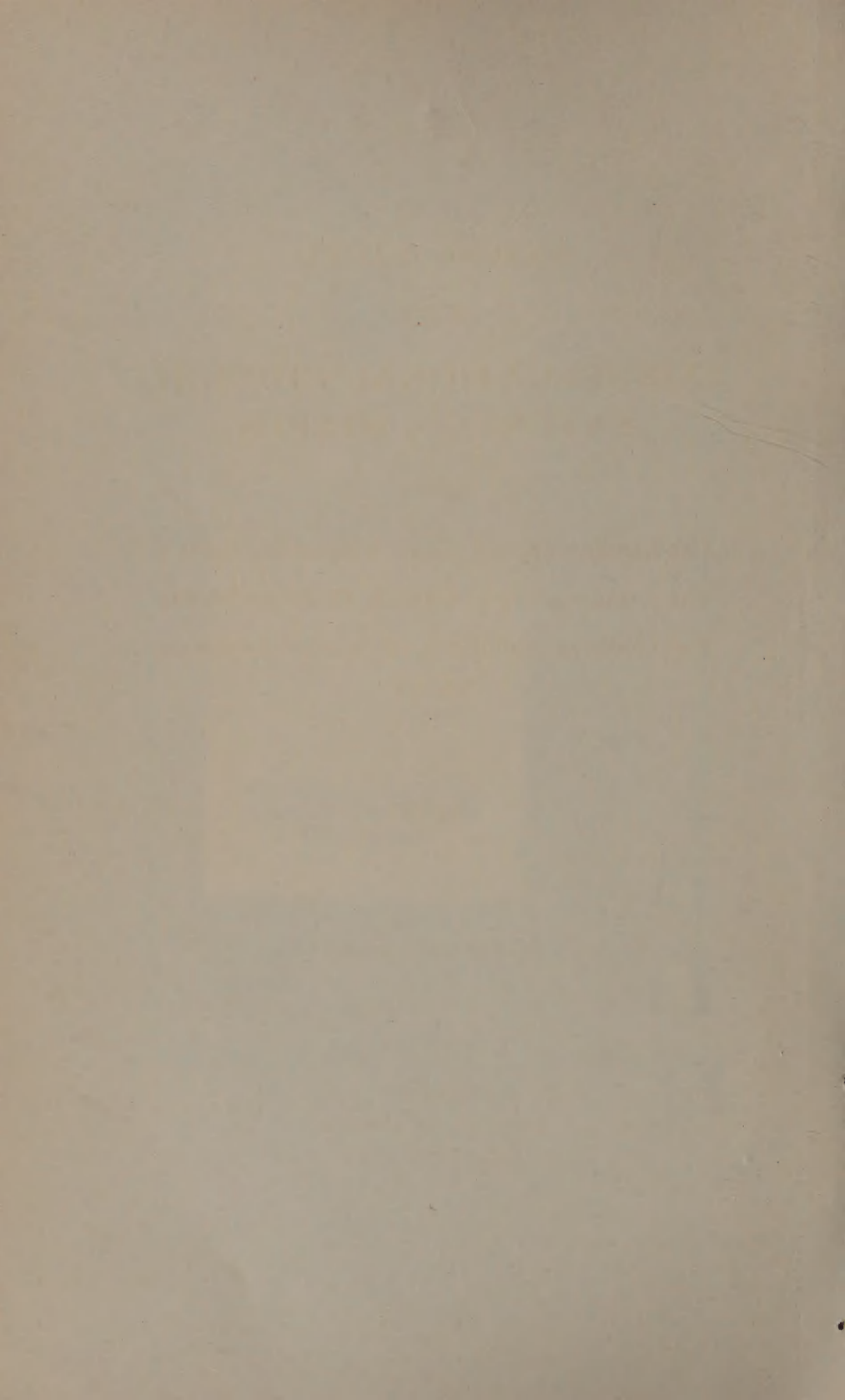
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This is the second year for the Reports of the above-named Societies to be published under one cover. First comes the Report of the Board of Directors to the Annual Meetings. This is followed by more detailed reviews, prepared by the various Secretaries and Superintendents, and by the annual financial statements. The By-Laws, as amended at Omaha in 1927, are also included.

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## **Report of the Board of Directors to the Annual Meetings, North Church, Detroit, Michigan**

**MAY 29, 1929**

The Board of Directors, acting on behalf of each of the three Societies making up the Church Extension Boards, has held two meetings since the sessions at Minneapolis a year ago. The first was at the Statler Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, January 22nd to 24th, 1929, in connection with the Midwinter Meeting of the denomination; the second at North Church, Detroit, Michigan, May 27, 1929. At these meetings, as well as at the monthly meetings of the Administrative Committee, the detailed problems constantly arising in the conduct of the work have been given careful attention. The minutes may be had upon application.

### **Financial**

The close of our fiscal year on March 31st revealed an encouraging financial situation. Contributions received by the Extension Boards were \$439,400, an increase of \$31,914 over last year. This included special receipts of \$16,939, for hurricane relief in Florida. Legacies and matured conditional gifts exceeded the preceding year by \$120,215. According to established practice a portion of such receipts was turned over to legacy reserve. Income from investments remained practically the same. Total receipts from all sources including church building grants and loans repaid and the sale of abandoned properties were \$1,276,406.



Expenditures, on the other hand, were shown to have been cut down as follows: Administration and Promotion \$14,718; Missionary Service \$45,760. A credit balance of \$2,906, to which by vote of the Administrative Committee \$32,250 was added from the legacy equalization fund, reduced our debt to \$48,019. We have entered the new year on the basis of the curtailed budget of a year ago and earnestly hope to be able to lower our indebtedness still further by next March. Special note should be made of the generous cooperation of the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Conferences, each of which appropriated \$1,000, in addition to the regular contributions of their churches, to the treasury of the National Society.

### Some of the Results

The appended table, "Results of the Year," covers those activities only for which the Extension Boards are directly responsible. Similar work is being carried on by twenty-two self-supporting Conferences.

#### Results of the Year as Compared with Those of the Preceding Year

	1928	1927
Number of missionary churches .....	639	647
Number of additional Sunday Schools, virtually preaching stations	45	30
Total membership aided churches, missions and preaching stations	38,175	37,410
Total accessions .....	3,306	4,736
Additions on confession .....	2,174	3,290
Total Sunday School enrollment .....	43,265	46,391
New churches organized .....	13	6
Number of missionaries .....	462	520
Months of service .....	4,216	4,784
Men needed for immediate service.....	43	40
Churches reaching self-support .....	8	15
New church buildings .....	15	18
New parsonages .....	3	9
Men serving single fields.....	244	307
Men serving two or more fields.....	218	213
Churches, missions and preaching stations among the foreign born	133	161
English-speaking churches doing work among the foreign-born..	6	5
Number of student summer workers.....	90	107

It will be seen that the statistics above given seem to bear a relationship to the curtailment of expenditures for missionary service which was noted in the preceding paragraph. Fewer men have been employed and the total of service rendered has naturally been lower. Students employed for summer work were reduced from 107 to ninety. Total accessions fell off 1,430. Of this number 1,116 were in the column headed "Additions on Confession." Sunday School enrollment likewise reports a falling off, although the total membership of aided churches is greater. The necessity of readjusting territory so as to make man-power go as far as possible is reflected in the decrease in numbers of missionaries serving single fields and the increase in those serving two or more fields. After making allow-

ance for factors which often render comparisons of figures for isolated years not wholly reliable, the conclusion is forced upon us that curtailment in expenditures for needed missionary service has been costly in results and that the need of increased support is pressing.

### Special Mention

Attention may be called briefly to certain features of our home missionary work aside from the usual preaching and pastoral activities. Immigrant aid stations located at Ellis Island, New York, and Nogales, Arizona, provide opportunity for many sorts of Christian service. The program for the Spanish-speaking "Plazas" of New Mexico is based upon a conception of Christian practice which would minister to body and mind as well as to soul. The problem of furnishing our share of ministry to the immigrants thronging across our southern boundary is by no means confined to the Plazas, however. All along the border, in city and country alike, there is need for enlightened helpfulness to a class whose standard of living is extremely low. The prompt and generous responses made to the call for emergency relief for our churches which suffered from the Florida hurricane were an appreciated evidence of the strength of denominational fellowship. All four churches affected were accorded needed assistance and, in addition, special aid was given to one which had suffered in a previous storm. The eight Congregational chaplains who hold commissions in the regular army find their work made more effective because of the incidental fund which we place at their disposal.

### Cooperation with the Seminaries

A development deserving separate emphasis is that which concerns the cooperative efforts of Director Dana, of the Town and Country Department, with Bangor, Hartford, Vanderbilt and Yale in giving special courses for students intending to enter the rural ministry. This is an advance step in the coordination of our forces and is in line with the policy of specialization so marked in other educational fields.

### The Call to United Effort

The dominant note in home missions today is the need of united effort for greater effectiveness. This applies within the denomination and between the denominations. The time is ripe for changes which ought not to be too difficult to effect; since the conditions which gave rise to our separate societies, as well as, in the wider field, to the various communions, have been largely superseded by others of a new and compelling significance.

The period of westward migration, which called organized home missions into being, is practically completed. African slavery, which was responsible for the organization of the American Missionary Association, now has only historic interest. Today's home missionary problems and those which appear as the aftermath of slavery demand concerted action wherever they coincide. The needs of church building, religious education, ministerial relief, are inter-related by the twin facts that they spring from our common Christian enterprise and must be met in great measure by appeal to a common pocketbook.

As within the denomination, so without. The sharp differentiation of the earlier days between various bodies of Christians has been partly rubbed out. The Cambridge Platform of 1648 declared that "the parts of church government are all of them exactly described in the Word of God." Congregationalists are not so insistent upon that point nowadays. Nor are many of our Baptist brethren upon immersion; nor our Presbyterian friends upon the Westminster Confession, nor our Episcopalian neighbors upon apostolic succession. Closer observation has revealed the fruits of the Spirit growing in all the ecclesiastical orchards. It is fortunate that this is true; for the high-speed civilization of which we are a part cannot have its religious problems solved by unrelated, over-lapping effort. A tremendous advance in interdenominational cooperation is, as physicians say, "indicated." Efficiency demands that it be brought to fulfillment.

### **Progress toward Unity**

One response to the call for unity in the field of homeland benevolent activity has been the "merger." The single Board is now completing its second year. Its members are becoming increasingly conscious of the common task of making the Christ ideal dominant in America. The Home Board Cabinet affords opportunity for close cooperation in the administration of related work. A process similar to that in certain industrial mergers is being evolved whereby matters of common concern can be handled as a unit; but with proper care for the conservation of individual initiative and worthy loyalties.

Parenthetically, it may not be impertinent to suggest that the spirit of the merger might well be extended to not a few local churches which up to the present time have continued to preserve their historic entities despite revolutionary changes within their constituencies and in their environing parishes. Congregational churches ought neither to be clubs for the religious culture of the socially select nor mausoleums for the preservation of old sentiments and traditions, but fighting units in the army of the Lord, willing to subordinate every petty consideration to the necessity of victory over evil. Let our churches whose representatives are wisely insisting on united effort on the part of their Boards consider also the increased strength and greater efficiency which would result if they would whole-heartedly unite in Christian service to their entire communities! More highly specialized leadership would then be possible and would insure progressive achievement. Stagnant, unevangelized, back-wash sections within easy distance of such churches could then be ministered to and, by the grace of God, regenerated.

### **Interdenominational Agencies**

Unified action interdenominationally is being achieved in various ways, largely through the Federal and Home Missions Councils, with both of which we are in constant cooperation. A "five-year program of survey and adjustment" is being undertaken by the latter, state by state, throughout the nation. With the help of denominational state officials, the situation is being reviewed as regards growth or decline of population, urban and rural trends, proportion foreign-speaking, over-churching, inadequate churching and under-churching. An endeavor is then made to arrive at a modus vivendi which will make for efficiency. In some instances



united administration, perhaps under the Home Missions Council, may be called for. A step in this direction was taken in April by the Extension Boards by a vote asking the Council to study areas in which such joint action seems to be most needed.

Another approach to united effort is to be found in the recent affiliation of the Community Church Workers with the Home Missions Council. Still another is seen in the proposed cooperative experiment at Radburn, New Jersey, where, in an absolutely new community planned by the City Housing Corporation of New York, interested denominations are planning to unite in the support of a community pastor and in joint provision for religious services.

As Congregationalists we are not interested in pouring out money for establishing or maintaining mission churches in fields already adequately served. Support for such work must be refused. Rather ought home missionaries to concentrate upon rapidly growing cities, where new churches may early come to self-support; upon important educational centers, where the student body, constantly renewed, makes wide-spread results certain; and upon neglected areas where no religious ministry exists but where, by personal contact, and the power of inspiring example, spiritual help may be mediated. In future it may be increasingly found that the home mission field needs not so much an accession of settled pastors as of pastoral evangelists; these to be linked, where feasible, to churches already existing.

### **Utilizing New Methods**

Home missions must always be on the alert for new methods and the revival of others which, while effective, may have fallen into temporary disuse. The engaging of college and seminary students for summer service is a notable opportunity of keeping our work up-to-date. Wide utilization of Daily Vacation Bible Schools has also proved effective. Rural delivery of Sunday School supplies to isolated members has been demonstrated as a practical method of sustaining interest. The possibilities of moving pictures, both in taking and in projecting, are being explored. There is promise of usefulness in the radio, especially in the receiving of sermons by mission groups unable to command the services of a regular preacher. The modern equivalent of the old circuit rider's faithful steed might be an itinerant automobile especially constructed to meet the travel needs of a home missionary and his wife, who could thus penetrate into obscure places, remaining for a longer or shorter time, as circumstances might require, for a social, educational and evangelistic ministry. The time-tried method of sending out teams of lay-workers to neglected neighborhoods within driving distances of our churches might well be revived. And, to quote from the report on the recent "Every Community Survey" of New Hampshire, "It will frequently be found desirable to employ mission funds to provide the pastor of an independent church with additional assistance or with a travel fund for extension work."

### **The Relation of Promotion to Administration**

Efficiency in the administration of our work redounds not only to the immediate good of the field but is essential to that enthusiastic confidence without which neither those who solicit or those who are approached for contributions can or will

provide the funds necessary. More than this, the story of the work is needed and now that "projects" are increasingly being adopted, the need is greater than ever. Every worker capable of seeing and recording the human happenings about him is earnestly urged to write the record at the time and transmit it to those who are responsible for promoting income. A continuous stream of such information will yield wonderful results.

### Changes in Administration

In 1927 the Middle Atlantic Conference, consisting of New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, assumed the status of a self-supporting Conference and on April 1, 1929, the Pennsylvania Conference did likewise. This action automatically removed Superintendent Charles W. Carroll, who has for years served both Conferences, from the National Society's roll although it is hoped and expected that his relationship to the New York office will continue to be close. The termination of the Superintendency of Rev. Elmer H. Johnson of Montana, where he had served for nine years, was met by the election of Rev. Claton S. Rice, Superintendent of Utah and Southern Idaho, as his successor. Mr. Rice expects to take active charge of his new field in the Fall. In the meantime Montana affairs are being handled by the Assistant Superintendent, Rev. Oliver P. Avery. Mr. Johnson is now Field Representative for Carleton College.

### Our Promoted Fellow-workers

Every year it becomes our duty to note the passing of those who have gone to their reward—some from the ranks of active service, some from those who have retired. Since our report of a year ago the following have been called home:

Rev. Frank G. Brainerd,	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
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Rev. Lee J. Travis,	Syracuse, New York.

### In Conclusion

The Board of Directors would voice sincere appreciation of the devoted efforts of all those who by their sacrificial endeavor have promoted the labors of the past year. To missionaries, student workers, superintendents, secretaries, members of the clerical force and of the Administrative Committee, pastors and their people, cooperating friends—to all we return hearty thanks and to God our Great Co-Worker with whom it is the exalted privilege of all of us to labor. May his Kingdom come!

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Prepared by the General Secretary and  
approved by the Administrative Committee,  
May 15, 1929.

**Missionary Work of the Self-supporting States**

	1928.	1927.
Number of missionary churches.....	872	1,039 (64)
Number of additional Sunday Schools, virtually preaching stations .....	14	30 (10)
Total membership, aided churches, missions and preaching stations .....	66,195	76,891 (5,539)
Total accessions .....	6,918	7,462' (479)
Additions on confession .....	3,981	4,858 (303)
Total Sunday School enrollment .....	74,754	91,824 (9,720)
New churches organized .....	8	10 (1)
Number of missionaries .....	812	1,019 (71)
Months of service .....	8,048	9,774 (852)
Men needed for immediate service.....	31	52 (2)
Churches reaching self-support .....	5	20
New church buildings .....	17	24
New parsonages .....	4	7
Men serving single fields .....	624	783 (51)
Men serving two or more fields.....	188	236 (20)
Churches, missions and preaching stations among the foreign-born .....	121	184 (54)
English-speaking churches doing work among the foreign-born .....	58	35

Figures for 927 include statistics from Hawaii. No report received this year from Hawaii Vermont and Wisconsin.

**Distribution of Missionaries by States**

Maine .....	84	Kentucky .....	6
New Hampshire .....	34	Ohio .....	39
Massachusetts .....	170	Indiana .....	4
Rhode Island .....	7	Illinois .....	94
Connecticut .....	76	Missouri .....	18
New York .....	56	Michigan .....	57
New Jersey .....	18	Wisconsin .....	6
Pennsylvania .....	22	Iowa .....	17
Maryland .....	3	Minnesota .....	32
District of Columbia .....	2	Kansas .....	15
Virginia .....	3	Nebraska .....	23
North Carolina .....	6	North Dakota .....	42
South Carolina .....	3	South Dakota .....	68
Georgia .....	7	Colorado .....	43
Alabama .....	7	Wyoming .....	12
Louisiana .....	4	Montana .....	45
Arkansas .....	1	Utah .....	4
Florida .....	18	Idaho .....	18
Texas .....	17	California .....	80
Oklahoma .....	21	Oregon .....	19
New Mexico .....	7	Washington .....	44
Arizona .....	9	Alaska .....	1
Tennessee .....	12	Total .....	1274



### Foreign-Speaking Work

During the year, the Society, including the Self-supporting States, has had 254 foreign-speaking missions which employed, in all, twenty-two languages other than English.

Albanian .....	3	Indian .....	3
Armenian .....	17	Italian .....	14
Assyrian .....	2	Japanese .....	5
Bulgarian .....	1	Polish .....	2
Chinese .....	5	Portuguese .....	3
Czecho-Slovak .....	14	Spanish .....	12
Dano-Norwegian .....	6	Swede-Finn .....	1
Filipino .....	1	Swedish .....	33
Finnish .....	48	Syrian .....	1
French .....	5	Turkish .....	1
German .....	67		
Greek .....	10	Total .....	254

These were divided among the states as follows:

California, North .....	5	New Mexico .....	4
California, South .....	15	New York .....	5
Connecticut .....	20	North Dakota .....	4
Colorado .....	10	Ohio .....	5
Florida .....	1	Oklahoma .....	5
Idaho .....	3	Oregon .....	4
Illinois .....	11	Pennsylvania .....	8
Iowa .....	1	Rhode Island .....	1
Kansas .....	5	South Dakota .....	5
Louisiana .....	1	Texas .....	2
Maine .....	10	Virginia .....	2
Massachusetts .....	63	Washington .....	15
Michigan .....	4	West Texas .....	1
Minnesota .....	14	Wisconsin .....	10
Montana .....	2	Wyoming .....	3
Nebraska .....	6		
New Hampshire .....	5	Total .....	254
New Jersey .....	4		

# REVIEW OF THE FIELD

## WESTERN DIVISION

Work in the Western Division is carried on in fifteen states and Alaska. Nine Superintendents and twelve assistants or Pastors-at-Large have matters in charge. The following figures reveal the extent of our activities and indicate the foundation upon which we are building:

Number of churches.....	332
Church members .....	17,533
Sunday School members.....	25,784
Home expenses .....	\$484,702
Church property .....	\$2,480,265
Benevolences .....	\$22,445

A large number of our churches are located in places where, without the help which we render, no religious services would be carried on. A considerable portion of the work, however, has promise of future growth and stability, and a number of churches are coming to self-support each year. Work of this kind is to be found in new or growing cities. Many of our churches, however, are becoming more stabilized in the agricultural sections, and we may look for a steady and stable growth of Congregationalism in the major part of the Western Division. In the great majority of fields where we are located, we are solely responsible for the religious welfare of the community, the work we are doing that may be called competitive being negligible.

FRANK LINCOLN MOORE.

## EASTERN DIVISION

The gateway to service opened wide during the past year and as never before the emphasis was placed on making actual, everyday life square with Christian standards. Investing life in friendly service called for almost ceaseless effort and a devotion matched only by opportunity. Educational ideal, inspirational action, living rather than getting,—these were the expressions of mind and heart. Great in spirit, *winning* in approach, splendid in doing, the workers of the loyal heart and frontier way, evidenced an ever-enlarging conception of what it means to live and serve.

The territory of the Eastern Division is big in every way. Vast in extent; great in population; forward-looking educationally; open-minded religiously; in missionary and extension opportunities unlimited. There are backward communities by the hundreds strategically situated, unreached by any adequate system of religious education; thousands of other such communities needing a higher type of parish and pulpit ministry; growing cities where the doors are wide open to us; educational centers where we are being urged to organize our Congregational Fellowship of the Open Mind.

From Indiana and Pennsylvania, down through Kentucky and Tennessee, we have our city centers, mining regions, rural parishes and mountain groups. Great

growing places like Memphis, Chattanooga, Nashville, Tennessee, rank with others of a like character in Alabama and Georgia, with their Birmingham and Atlanta. Florida, with its St. Petersburg, Tampa, Jacksonville, Greater Miami and Palm Beach, challenges in a larger way each succeeding year. The Carolinas, with old Charleston, Tryon, Southern Pines, Albemarle, Salisbury, Columbia and Asheville, make a fine appeal. West Florida, with its mighty ten-point parish covering an immense territory educationally, socially, religiously, inspires.

The threefold work of the Church Extension Boards is seen in a striking way as we review certain facts. During 1928 the Sunday School Extension Society's activities organized thirty-three new church and mission Sunday Schools in twelve states, a decided gain over 1927. In home missionary endeavor the outstanding organization work was at Birmingham and Nashville, where the outlook in each case is most promising. In Church Building Society channels there has been a good record, including the fine edifice in the industrial city of Albemarle and the cathedral church in Southern Pines. In Tennessee and Kentucky, the beautiful Barton Chapel at Robbins, and the pretty Mark Sumner Chapel at Pine Knot, have been completed and dedicated, both included in the early parish of Dr. William E. Barton, and cared for in the erection of the churches by members of the Barton family and friends of the First Church of Oak Park.

Thus "types of service" mean the touch on the life of a little child, church organization made possible, folks housed in their own meeting place, choice worship services made possible, religious education training provided, the inspirations of missionary instruction making tomorrow a day always full of hope.

Our young people are now always a part in the whole program of service. In Summer Conferences and Week-end Christian Life Conferences; in Religious Education Training Schools and discussion groups the year through, and in the fine round of the local church, always there is a place and a worthwhile task in Christian doing. Other specialized interests include Student Summer Service. Thirty young people were commissioned for 1928 from twenty educational institutions going forth into these fifteen states, facing the challenge: "Using my life where it will count for the most."

W. KNIGHTON BLOOM.

### ALASKA

Work in Alaska is as illusive as its cloud-enshrouded peaks. The population is in constant flux. The young people go out for better educational opportunities and never come back. Those who have failed "below" travel northwestward to get a year's living out of six months of work. The corporations equip their fishing fleets or their oil operations in Seattle or San Francisco. When the season is over the profits go to the States. The workers are paid off there. Alaska has left the skimmed milk only, and not much of that. There are some sections fitted for farming but there is "no market." There are large beds of coal but no factories. The coast towns ship in coal from British Columbia.

There are three types of missionary work. That carried on among the white residents, the Indians and the Eskimos. Our Congregational work is among the English-speaking people. At Nome we are federated with the Methodists under an alternating system of pastors. At this time the Methodists furnish the pastor and



the home missionary aid. We furnish the church building. When the work was started years ago, there were over ten thousand people at Nome. Now there are less than a thousand in the summer and only half that number in the winter. We occupied Anchorage when it had eight thousand people. The railroad was to be built and it was expected that Sunday School work would spring up at the new towns. These towns never became anything but a sign board with the name painted on it. Anchorage declined until it had only eighteen hundred people. The train runs only once a week. The Presbyterians were in Anchorage first. We have, accordingly, withdrawn.

We are responsible for the work at Valdez and Douglas. At the first place we have a Sunday School and young people's work under the efficient lay leadership of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stewart. Valdez should have a resident pastor, but with impaired missionary funds, this is impossible. It has been hoped to find a minister-teacher who could combine both functions in one person.

At Douglas, the work moves steadily on under the pastorate of Rev. L. D. Hammock. The church has been reorganized as a regular Congregational church. New members have been added. The town backs these good people up, particularly in the work of the Ladies' Aid, in their various entertainments and sales. When Mr. and Mrs. Hammock wanted to return to the States, the people showed so much disappointment that they gave up their own plans and stayed. Such missionary devotion merits unqualified support.

### COLORADO

Colorado has ninety-five Congregational churches. Twenty-five of these are German. Twenty-one of the seventy English-speaking churches are self-supporting, and forty-nine are aided. During the past year sixteen of these aided churches reduced the amount of the aid from the Church Extension Boards in comparison with the preceding year. It is interesting to note that many of the aided churches return a considerable portion of the grants they receive in contributions to the missionary apportionment. For example, seven of our missionary churches received appropriations totaling \$2,300, but they returned in missionary contributions \$1,363, or more than half of the amount appropriated from the Church Extension Boards.

Two aided churches in Denver, which required unusually large appropriations from the Church Extension Boards to save them from disaster, have justified the investment by the splendid progress which they have made. They are the Sixth Avenue and Washington Park churches. Both are in growing residence sections of the city and it is confidently expected that within the next few years they will not only be self-supporting but strong contributors to our world-wide work.

Through the state the work meets with varying success. Several sections of the dry-farming territory have suffered a total loss of crops, resulting in bank failures and general depression. The uncertainties of the mining and oil industries make everything difficult. New developments in these industries cause new communities to spring up, with all the problems of missionary work, or reduce a once prosperous mining or oil town to a depopulated "ghost" community. Then there are the numerous small communities where we have had home missionary responsibilities for many years—where there is not much prospect of unusual and rapid

growth but where we must give aid and counsel in maintaining the ministry of the church. The larger aided churches have made good progress during the year and the outlook generally is very encouraging.

Summer Student Service has been of great value to our work. Two of these seminary students, as a result of two summers spent in our missionary fields, decided to accept permanent pastorates with us.

During the past two years our Colorado State Conference has been on the "cooperating" basis and splendid progress has been made as a result of the increased responsibility of the churches of the state for the missionary work within its borders. The State Conference is thoroughly organized. Its constitution provides that its full Board of Directors, elected at each Annual Conference, must hold at least three meetings during the year, and that an Executive Committee from its members must hold monthly meetings. At these meetings the missionary work of the state is carefully considered, especially the appropriations of home missionary aid.

A persistent effort is made through the State Conference, of which the Woman's State Organization is a very effective part, for missionary education and increased giving. The Extension Boards have appropriated \$22,000 for home missionary work in Colorado for the year; the churches of Colorado contribute about \$20,000 each year to the national missionary apportionment.

### FINNISH DEPARTMENT (THE)

The Finnish work continues to grow both in Minnesota and on the north Pacific coast. Two new churches have been erected, one costing \$6,000 at Palo, Minnesota, and one costing over \$10,000 at Naselle, Washington. With the new year a young man from the Union Theological College in Chicago will undertake work in the new church at Palo, uniting also the fields at Eveleth and Biwabik. The church at Winlock, Washington, has greatly improved its attractive property, and the one in Cloquet, Minnesota, has taken steps toward the acquisition of a lot and building. The new property of the whole group last year amounts to \$20,000. Two of the churches are reducing the amounts asked in aid, and others will do this as debts on their buildings are extinguished. Last year the summer activities of these churches, which are very important, were threatened with curtailment by the lack of funds for summer student service; but this lack was made good by the greater gifts of the churches and their friends, and we hope this will also be the case this year.

The work on the north coast might be extended if the means were at hand to put another man in the general field. The Finnish churches themselves have raised sufficient to provide for the expense of sending one of their own number, the Rev. Andrew Groop of the Fitchburg church, on a tour of pastoral visitation which will include practically every church. This will undoubtedly be of value in encouraging the separated groups and relieving their sense of loneliness. The scattered character of the groups, with organized churches in ten states from Maine to California, presents difficulties in the way of securing community of sentiment and action; but these will gradually be overcome.

### Other Foreign-Speaking Groups

The work done among the Armenians is in part a regular church work, as carried on with energy and success by the church in Detroit, and in larger part a mission service to broken families and scattered individuals who find themselves more or less out of fellowship with the communities where they live. This is the type carried on by Rev. and Mrs. Khachadourian in Binghamton and Rev. and Mrs. Goldian in Cleveland. The latter group in particular is quite varied, consisting of Gregorians, Roman Catholics, and Protestants. They have shown their appreciation of the pastor by contributing a large and increasing share of his expenses.

The Bulgarian work carried on in Chicago with the cooperation of the Chicago Tract Society and the City Missionary Society is slowly growing as a leavening influence in the life of the Bulgarian people in the country. It is the only Protestant religious center among these people, but is not antagonistic to their own orthodox church. No orthodox organization exists in Chicago, but one has been introduced in Gary, and with this, Rev. P. D. Vidoloff, the missionary in charge of the work, sustains sympathetic relations. The influence of the mission is much widened by the frequent communications written by Mrs. Vidoloff and printed in "Naroden Glas" (The People's Voice), the most widely circulated Bulgarian paper in the country.

### FLORIDA

The year 1928 was probably the most trying year in the history of Florida Congregationalism. Our churches have been having to face not only financial depression and difficulties, in some cases involving dangerous debts, but they have also faced the loss of a large number of their members and supporting constituents. Added to this was the hurricane which blew down one church and severely damaged several others. Several of our churches have had changes in pastorates, involving periods without leadership. The economic conditions in general have improved. Nevertheless, many who have made their permanent homes in Florida have had to leave because of lack of work or business. The tourist season has been the best in Florida's history and our congregations in places have been as large as usual. But the endeavor has been made to convert our organizations into all-year-around churches. This means that we must have larger numbers of regular residents. The heavy losses of such have reduced the financial strength of our churches and also the membership. There have been more removals by letter and revision of roll this year than ever before and at the same time the natural increase in membership has been reduced, with the smallest net gain in many years. Our churches now have 4,750 members, a net gain of ninety-four.

The churches that suffered during the storm have been repaired out of the special relief fund that was raised under the leadership of Dr. Halliday. The Palm City church, which receives home missionary aid, was blown down and is being rebuilt out of these funds and an attractive building with an added social room will render the community a larger service than ever. While the relief fund took care of the repairs to church buildings, the membership of these churches suffered so heavily themselves that other problems have had to be faced. On account of the storm and the economic depression two of our churches have faced

the danger of foreclosure on valuable property because of heavy debts. These have been refinanced partly through the aid of the Building Society. Some other denominations have suffered in this regard more heavily than ours and there is reason to be thankful that we are coming through these trying experiences as well as we are.

In spite of the hardships and the losses there has been a splendid spirit in the churches and the ministers have faced their problems with great courage and devotion and a determination not to forsake their posts because of these conditions. Only one church has been added to the aided list. The home missionary churches have shown up well as compared with the others in the matter of accessions and gains in membership. Some churches that expected to be reducing the amount of aid have not been able to do so, but they have shown a fine spirit in not asking for increases.

The money received on the apportionment by our Missionary Boards was only \$193 less than last year. There was some increase in undesignated giving and that indicates, of course, that the churches did not give quite as much, but we have reason to be grateful that in spite of conditions the loyalty of our churches to the work of the Boards has been so well maintained. The total credited on the apportionment of \$15,000 is \$13,254.

A very important event was the coming of Miss Mary Jeffreys as Extension Worker for Florida, working especially along the lines of religious and missionary education and young people's work. She has been doing a splendid work, especially in connection with the Sunday School and the young people's societies and representing us in Interdenominational Religious Education Institutes. From all the pastors come hearty words of appreciation of her service. Our Young People's Conference again proved to be a fine success.

One new church has been added. A community church at Holly Hill upon request was admitted to our fellowship.

### GERMAN DEPARTMENT (THE)

Despite the handicap of decreased financial support and the lack of suitable men for vacant fields, the German-speaking churches in the United States, 250 in number, not counting the twenty-one organizations in Argentina aided by them, have made progress during the past twelve months.

Churches added to the list are: Bellingham, Washington; Tolstoy, South Dakota; Yoder, Wyoming; Bitter Root Valley, Montana; and Batesland, South Dakota. Eight buildings were dedicated, most of them having received aid from the Church Building Society. Salem Church, Berthoud, Colorado, and Zion, Norfolk, Nebraska, have become self-supporting. Four parsonages were built or rebuilt, the majority also receiving aid from the Building Society. Twenty-five churches were supplied with pastors during the year, yet fifteen pulpits were vacant December 30th.

Forty-six missionaries served sixty home missionary churches in seventeen different states during the year. They gave 494 months of service. The membership of these totals 4,003 and that of the Sunday Schools 3,403. Accessions numbered 316 on confession, 145 by letter, a total of 461.



Three district supervisors served the department in addition to the Superintendent. They are: General Missionary John Hoelzer, whose headquarters are at Denver, Colorado; Rev. G. Gradel, Pacific Conference missionary; and General Missionary Peter Ruder of North and South Dakota. These men are utterly devoted to their work.

With the consent of the Extension Boards, readily granted and gratefully received, the Superintendent went to Europe during the summer months, to attempt to establish a connection with a large group of churches in Soviet Russia (100 in number) which desired instruction and information concerning Congregationalism. But his way was barred by the Soviet authorities.

As treasurer of the Western German General Conference, the Superintendent received from a number of churches and distributed according to the plan of division, among the various benevolent societies and institutions \$37,330, this being an increase of \$844, more than the previous year.

The total membership of our churches within the Western General Conference using the German language to a greater or less extent is 22,015, a net increase over the previous year of 722 persons, although immigration has practically ceased. In our Sunday Schools are 17,140 children and the young people's societies total 4,983.

The steady, liberal financial and other assistance of the Church Extension Boards to these churches evidently has not been in vain. There are no more loyal and devoted Congregational Christians than are these of German antecedents and ancestry.

### IDAHO (NORTHERN)

The work in Northern Idaho progresses. No marked changes occur in either increased membership or in financial status. The work remains largely missionary. Handicaps of extreme poverty, much snow in the winter time, add greatly to the difficulties of the work. Only six of the sixteen fields listed have resident pastors: Rev. O. S. Barnum at Genesee, Rev. E. R. Hunt at Kellogg, Rev. H. N. Dukes at Lewiston, Rev. J. J. LeFebre at Lewiston Orchards, Rev. A. B. Hoag at Mullan, Rev. Elmer Benedict at Wallace. The remaining fields are in the care of Rev. W. S. Pritchard and Rev. W. C. Allen.

The work at Avon and Deary has continued with regular Sunday School and occasional supplies in the pulpit. Recently, renewed interest has been manifested and a visit to the field, we hope, will bring more energy and effectiveness into the work. Lack of funds prevents a resident pastor here, as elsewhere. Hope and Kootenai are under the care of Rev. W. S. Pritchard. The Sunday Schools continue active.

Rev. A. B. Hoag writes as follows of his field at Mullan: "I am impressed with the importance of this field. Ours is the only Protestant church that is functioning to any extent, in a town of three or four thousand, so there is no chance of overlapping here. The Episcopalians have a sermon every other week but that is all. They have no church school."

Rev. J. J. LeFebre is struggling hard to keep the interest in the work active both in Lewiston Orchards and in Westlake. A recent report of a visit to these fields states: "Thirty years ago, on the trail from Lewiston to the Bitter Root Mountains was located the town of Westlake. It was a flourishing village and had in it a Congregational church. Then came the railroad which left the town eight

miles to one side. Later, came the highway, which passed them on the other side, leaving the little village among the thieves of decay and pillage. Buildings were torn down and removed. The schoolhouse with a corps of teachers became a one-roomed affair. The blacksmith shop disappeared and not even an oil station took its place. The post office and general store was left. The resident pastor moved to the railroad town about nine years ago. Regular services were continued in a circuit, but these were finally given up. Nevertheless, a faithful and loyal few kept the Sunday School going. It meant in the winter time a tramp of two miles through the snow for the superintendent, who sometimes had to carry the baby on her back, as her husband was dead and there was no one at home. I have not been, even in the great cities, in a community where poverty was more apparent. This year, the reward of all of their labor was five bushels of wheat to the acre and potatoes not worth digging. When I reached the church, I helped to build a fire in a stove that smoked and tried to warm a room with one sash of three large panes blown out in a recent storm. Three services were held, commencing with the Sunday School, followed by the preaching service and then a hot lunch. So seldom have they had preaching that they asked for another sermon in the afternoon. At this service, a thank offering was received, amounting to two dollars and forty-nine cents.

Rev. Elmer W. Benedict seems to be enjoying his work at Wallace and the church is progressing under his efficient leadership and his musical ability. A number of additions have been made to the membership since his arrival on the field.

Kellogg and Lewiston, with their keenly alive pastors, are faring well. It is too bad, is it not, that we cannot place before the public the great sacrifice of time, talent, energy that these pastors are called upon to make in the more or less out of the way places. But does one call it sacrifice when one enters into the work purposely, and with one motive only—that of coinciding his will to one that is Divine?

### IDAHO (SOUTHERN)

Miss Gertrude McChayne has done all that one could expect at Rockland. The people there are slowly appreciating real leadership. We hope that she may stay for a long time. Rev. Edwin F. Irwin is interesting the young people at Challis and feels that there is real work ahead of him for some time. He is a great chap. Rev. Berton E. Crane, our new man at Grand View-Bruneau, is fitting in well. The people like him and he seems to like them. Mrs. Minnie J. Dickinson at Fargo has been hampered by sickness in her family and by a fall which recently put her out of commission, but she has good courage and will continue to work. Rev. John E. Sears, at Council, is bucking a real job and is growing in it. He was out in promotional work this winter. Calhoun, at McCall, is making a real impression on the town. He has a job on his hands there too. The Ellises at Fairview are doing much for the field there. Their long experience in China is helpful to them.

Rev. Lloyd G. Knight, our pastor-at-large, has been holding special meetings all the fall and winter. He has gone into the churches for a week or two under the guidance of the pastors. Real results are coming, we are sure. He is a great fellow and we are fortunate to have him.

The presence of Dr. Davis in both Utah and Idaho at our State Conferences was worth much to us this year. First Church, Boise, and First Church, Pocatello, have made progress this year. First Church, Weiser, is getting a minister who promises to be a real leader for them. Wright church is losing Rev. Thomas McCamant, who will be hard to replace.

### INDIANA

In 1928 Indiana depended upon the Extension Boards for aid in maintaining three of its missionary churches. One church in a large city was aided in a community where denominational narrowness and religious intolerance permeated everything. It was aided with the hope that it might be seen as providing a congregation broad and catholic and altogether wholesome. It was a hard struggle and the end is not yet, but the influence of the church has been sort of a leaven working in the rest. Another church in the large city was maintained in a community of working people whose wages were limited and where the church was in an area somewhat separated from the larger part of the city and whose growth in population is a matter of the future. The third church aided was also in a large city. It is a lively community, but the church has had to struggle with a heavy building debt. The Boards have aided both on the debt and on the salary. Here a very active work is being done with good results and the influence of the church is felt through the city. The oversight of the state work, the care of the varied interests of the churches, the urge to evangelism, the business of caring for the benevolence, the easing of hard situations, the encouragement of workers, is made possible by the Boards' support of the Superintendent and his office. In 1928 the benevolences exceeded those of the previous year. The Home Boards receiving in 1928 more than a thousand dollars over the amount received in 1927.

### MONTANA

The frontier is still with us and Montana is one section of it. It is still, in part, "that portion of a country between a civilized and unsettled region."

Today as a consequence of being two years "in the white" as to business conditions, a new influx of settlers is taking place. But not with the old time "land-seeker's" rush, for the railroads and people have learned better. Even the companies which have land to sell are not broadcasting their advertisements as of old, but are going on a still hunt for the right kind of settlers and getting them. They seek men of some means and experience in similar tillage conditions, and back them sufficiently to show them that out in Montana are rich lands, purchasable at a fraction of the cost of the older farms, which will yield abundant harvests with proper treatment.

New branches of two great Northwestern railroads in the last year pointed fingers anew toward Montana prairies and unbroken sod is being taken from the herds of wild horses and put to flax and wheat. In one of these areas alone hundreds of families of the above sort have come for homes, in fact, they are coming so fast that this spring it was necessary to set on the side-tracks scores of box cars to house them till lumber could be shipped in for homes on their lands.

This is no day for retrenchment in Montana missionary enterprise. Not only are these newcomers in need of religious privileges but other sections, just as rich in promise, are waiting the magic touch of the steel rail and the tractor and

they, too, will soon welcome in similar fashion hosts of incoming citizens. When this happens, and the population is multiplied by five, there will still be but a little more than five people to the square mile in such regions as Carter County. Needless to say, there will eventually be many more.

Many of our churches are responding to the conditions indicated. In 1928 we dedicated four new churches. Already there are three building campaigns on for new churches in 1929; Livingston, Plentywood, and last, though small, not least, a little church which will seat about a hundred people, who for thirteen years have been on the frontier over sixty miles from the nearest railroad without a church home other than as they have met in homes and a dance hall. The thirteen-year ministry of Rev. John Duncan is to be celebrated by the building of this church as a center for the parish activity in which Mr. Duncan preaches at fourteen points. When Powder River County's thirty-four foot coal vein, which can be loaded to the cars from a power shovel, attracts a railroad, the valleys and prairies will break forth in great harvests. To what men shall dedicate this wealth of the future is dependent in large measure on the "set of the sail" we give in these pioneer days.

In a strip one hundred miles wide east and west and some two hundred and seventy-five miles long from north to south we have nine larger parishes with dimensions from several hundred square miles to three thousand and more in extent. In no other region in the United States is there such an opportunity to develop methods of area service as here in the rural districts where in eastern Montana there has been allocated to us the major responsibility for religious service. Our large number of adjoining parishes with expanded areas give men a fellowship in which mutual help comes in exchange of ideas. The hopeful emphases today are on "The area as a unit," "The representative parish council," and "branch membership for unchurchable scattered populations of the prairies."

Obviously we need "Service Cars." Just now we need two enclosed Fords for the Powder River region. And we need more men with a vision for rural opportunity, and we are getting them, only we need more of them. As we respond in money and men for this empire of the present frontier and future civilization we may write across the plains and mountains of Montana the legend, "Annexed for the Kingdom of God in 1930."

### NORTH DAKOTA

The missionary field in North Dakota was covered, in 1928, by twenty-eight regularly commissioned pastors, eight summer students and four state workers. Two of these state workers are general missionaries and devote their whole time to field work.

In four instances where missionary aid was given during the year, the churches are grouped with others that were self-supporting so far as the work in these others is concerned.

During the year Grand Forks and Manvel became self-supporting, being linked together under the care of one pastor. Grand Forks has been a good illustration of the helpfulness of the Home Missionary Society in standing by when needed. The church at Hope, owing to a bank failure in the town, asked for aid last year, and was granted this for a few months, but came speedily back to the sustaining of its own work. The New England Parish, after an unfortunate experi-



ence during the summer, had to have a little aid to get things started again, but we anticipate this will not need to be a permanently-aided parish. One other place, Sentinel Butte, promised to undertake more than they were able, so for a few months had to be placed on the aided list again.

The situation in North Dakota at the present time is good in some ways. The supply of pastors available for our fields has been much nearer the demand than for a number of years. The men who have come into the state during the year have been strong men and are doing good work. The financial situation in the western part of North Dakota, as a whole, is better than the eastern, although the whole state has been affected by the low prices for wheat. The crop itself was good. The eastern part of the state suffered somewhat because of an over amount of rain during harvest and threshing time, which lowered the quality of the grain. In addition to this, this section is much stronger in the production of potatoes, but these at fifteen and eighteen cents a bushel at digging time meant disaster for many of our farmers.

The spirit of our work in the Congregational churches has never been finer than it is at the present time, according to the Superintendent's knowledge of conditions, and on the whole there is a growing spirit of cooperative effort, as evidenced by an increase in our benevolences during the year, and by other efforts that are being made within the state.

### OREGON

During the year 1928, twenty-two English-speaking churches and stations were served by fifteen home missionary pastors. There were received into membership in these churches 230 members, 154 by confession and seventy-six by letter. The total membership of aided churches is 1,441 and the enrollment in the Sunday Schools 2,409.

The year has been a rather difficult one because of the number of changes in the pastorates of our self-supporting churches. Nearly fifty per cent of pastors of our self-supporting churches, including First, Portland, accepted work in other fields. In a Conference of very limited strength this has meant a serious situation to face, especially with respect to membership and benevolence giving. There were two changes in the pastorates of our missionary fields.

The young people's work is encouraging and gives promise of further development. Churches which a few years ago "stepped up" are holding to the new standard. Several of the smaller churches are unable, because of economic conditions, to have resident pastors, but the work in these fields is being maintained, and in two such cases, Ingle Chapel and Rainier, the apportionment for 1928 was met in full. Taken all in all, there has been a gradual strengthening of the work throughout the state.

Steps were taken the latter part of the year to change the Men's Club of Oregon into a Congregational Club. Under the revised plan, membership consists of both men and women, and the new organization is sponsoring extension work throughout the state. This move is undertaken, not as distinctive from the work of the Conference but in close cooperation with the Conference. The hope is to raise a fund of several thousand dollars in 1929 for extension work.

### SCANDINAVIAN WORK

The Dano-Norwegian and Swedish Departments are here reported under the acceptable general term, Scandinavian work. These groups have much in common. The languages are so nearly alike that the one nationality can understand the other. Many Swedish churches have Norwegian members and Norwegian churches have Swedish members. The situation in these churches is quite similar. Nearly all our foreign-speaking churches may be divided into two types, namely, those whose mission it is to give their people the Gospel and its ministry in the language of their European homeland, and when there is no longer any need for the foreign tongue the churches have finished their task and must be closed up. The second type is the church that is so favorably situated that it can gradually change to English-speaking and develop into an American church with a permanent place of service to the community. Some of our churches of the first type have ceased to function and we must try to sell their church properties and conserve whatever funds may accrue to be used elsewhere. We have some churches of the second type both in our cities and rural districts.

Immigration is now very limited, only about 6,000 a year for the three Scandinavian countries, and these mostly settle in the large cities, where work is obtainable. There is no longer the lure of free lands in the great West to draw the agricultural classes of Scandinavia.

Our Scandinavian work has been considerably handicapped in the last ten or twelve years, since the Chicago Seminary discontinued its foreign institutes, as we have no training schools under Congregational control in which to train pastors for these churches. When men trained in other denominational schools become pastors of our churches, they show neither acquaintance with, nor loyalty to, our Congregational interests. There seems to be no way to remedy this now. It has made it difficult to hold the people in Congregational cooperation. Some of the Swedish churches have withdrawn and joined other Swedish groups.

However, there is no reason for regrets or discouragement as to the part Congregationalism has played in promoting free, evangelical Christianity among the Scandinavians. In forty or more years this work has been going on, splendid schools and churches and foreign missionary work have been established, all furthering the kingdom of Christ, and members and ministers have been brought into our regular Congregational churches. As the trend now is toward mergers, it may be that these independent Scandinavian groups with the newer generation coming into control will seek organic fellowship with us.

### Ohio

Bethel Norwegian-Danish church in Cleveland, still has a mission to the two thousand or more Norwegians and Danes in the city. The pastor has some 200 families on his list. He reports a spiritual awakening among the young people. His pastor's class shows interest in the study of Christian doctrines. Encouraging progress is seen in Sunday School and Christian Endeavor work. Socials, festivals, and sacred concerts help to promote fellowship and increase church attendance. The church is praying for the deepening of spiritual life. The outlook is quite encouraging.

There is a self-supporting Swedish church in Cleveland, which for many years has maintained a vigorous life and work.

### Wisconsin

The Norwegian church, Clintonville, cooperates with the English-speaking churches in the city in Sunday evening community services. It also takes part in a union Teachers' Training School and in the union Vacation Bible Schools. They used our Lenten literature with good results. This church is yoked with two other organizations: Navarino and Galesburg, and during the summer these churches arrange union outdoor services which help to promote fellowship and cooperation. A monthly publication, "The Church Link," helps to bind the folks together and is mailed to former members who have moved away so they can keep in touch with the work.

The Norwegian church in Maple Valley is almost wholly Americanized and will have a permanent mission in this rural community with a strong Scandinavian background. Many young people started the Christian life here and then went to the cities for work and have become workers in other churches. The present group of young people is very active in Sunday School and Christian Endeavor. The little church at Pulcifer is yoked with it. There are but three members left. Occasional services are held. The population is mostly German, but the young people attend when there are meetings. Two English-speaking churches are also served by the the Maple Valley pastor: Lakewood and Unity Center. Over fifty miles stretch between the two extremes of his parish.

The Swedish church at Merrill might better be called Scandinavian, for there are Norwegians in its membership. The pastor reports an awakening due to some special mission meetings. There is no Congregational church in Merrill and the hope is that this church may become English-speaking and fill such a place in time. It is yoked with a Swedish church at Tomahawk which has been needed there to provide for Scandinavian adults. The children are encouraged to attend our English-speaking Congregational church in the city.

The Swedish church at Siren is still needed to provide Scandinavian services for the older people. It is yoked with Wood Lake, where an active Swedish organization maintains two church buildings with preaching and Sunday Schools in both places. A great marsh divides the parish into two parts and hence the need of two centers for the work of one organization. The pastor reports a good condition in all the work, though he laments that they have had no additions to membership.

### Minnesota

The Lakeside Scandinavian church at Winoma has had no pastor for about two years, but the work has been kept up under the leadership of a layman who has been Sunday School superintendent and can preach. The building has been renovated and a new furnace installed and as soon as improvements are paid for they will try to call a bilingual pastor. They use mostly English now.

The churches at Mankato and Kasota yoked under one pastor have continued vigorous work among young and old. The pastor reports that the religious condi-

tion may be judged by the interest in prayer and prayer meetings. During the summer more than fifty per cent of the members attended mid-week prayer service.

There are a number of Scandinavian churches in Minnesota that apparently have finished their mission and have ceased to function. Their buildings stand unused and will be sold and the funds used elsewhere.

### **Washington**

The Swedish church at Aberdeen is making progress. General revival meetings were held in the city, and the religious life greatly quickened. The results of these meetings and of the pastor's class brought thirty-nine new members into the church, mostly young people. The Sunday School and Christian Endeavor work is quite vigorous. This church is characterized by a deep religious spirit, taking Jesus in earnest.

The work at Hoquian is at a standstill. They have a good building and parsonage, but no pastor at present. Services, however, are kept up and a pastor will be needed, if support can be given sufficiently by the Extension Boards.

The Swedish church at Bellingham has called a new pastor, deciding to get along without aid. There is a good field and the church expects growth and additions to membership.

### **Pennsylvania**

The Swedish church at Dubois is gathering in Scandinavian people and their bilingual pastor has found opportunities even among Polish people there. His pastor's class consists of three Swedish and two Polish children. English is used. He also preaches regularly at Brockaway, twelve miles distant.

The Swedish church at Renovo has had a good year. New people have come in and they plan to enlarge the building for social gatherings. The pastor serves also a union church at Bitumin, a coal mining town, where the pastor finds plenty of opportunity for religious instruction and comfort.

### **New Jersey**

At Dover, the new pastor reports increased interest especially in young people's work and in the Sunday School.

At Plainfield, the Swedish church is laying stress upon the work for children and young people. The Young People's Society celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary with an interesting program. The pastor celebrated his tenth anniversary. He reports a good spiritual condition in the church and rejoices in the prospect of the return of some members who left the church some years ago on account of friction. The outlook now is very hopeful.

## **SLAVIC DEPARTMENT (THE)**

The Slavonic race has about fifteen linguistic branches, all more or less represented here in America, and aggregating about 5,000,000 people. Congregational home missionary work has touched only three groups: the Polish, Bohemian or Czech, and the Slovak, the two latter being merged into the Czechoslovak branch, since the war brought into being the Czechoslovak republic.



There are thirteen Slavic Congregational churches, one Polish and twelve Czechoslovak. The Church Extension Boards aid nine of these churches, with six missions or preaching stations. All are well-organized, have experienced pastors and well-equipped houses of worship. The sense of responsibility for the work existing among these people is growing. They are loyal to our fellowship and interests and all are striving to meet their apportionments.

### Pennsylvania

In Pittsburgh, North Side, the Slovak church building has been put into excellent condition, the outside improved with trees and grass, planted by neighborhood school children under direction of their principal. When the famous Teachers' Chorus of Prague was giving concerts in Pittsburgh, the members visited this neighborhood school and our pastor acted as interpreter of their speeches. The "Step-up" plan took hold and an increase in giving will be evident.

At Braddock the building has been cleaned up and attendance and interest have increased. The neighborhood has many tenements filled with Slavic people. Negroes are moving in also. Mission work is carried on in North Braddock, Rosehill and Rankin. In addition to the regular services, lectures are given by the Czechoslovak consul, in order to give the people a better understanding of American life and ideals. The public schools are bringing instruction to mothers in their homes.

At Charleroi factories and mines have shut down, making times very hard. Some of our people have left to find work elsewhere. The church has struggled to meet obligations to the current budget, apportionment and the Church Building Society loan. Seven young people joined the church at Easter. Mission work is carried on at Monessen, across the river.

At Duquesne the fine new building has enlarged the work. English services are held twice a month. The people raised \$2,500 during the year, paid \$340 on apportionment, and at a recent bazaar the Ladies' Aid cleared \$401. The pastor's twenty-seven years of earnest, faithful work is bearing rich fruit.

This district has a general missionary, Rev. John Gallo, who visits from house to house among the Slovaks. He visits jails and hospitals, bringing to the inmates cheer and the Scripture. Policemen say he helps them maintain law and order. Last year he made 2,071 visits, sold fifty Bibles, 100 New Testaments and distributed 1,000 tracts. In addition, he preached thirty-five sermons, attended fifty-one Sunday Schools and held 145 prayer meetings.

### Ohio

In Cleveland there are two churches: Mizpah and Cyril, both with good buildings and pastors. The latter is aided by the Church Extension Boards. The pastor meets discouraging problems, but makes earnest efforts to solve them and to help the people with a many-sided ministry.

### Virginia

In Prince George County there is one church organization having two buildings. Both Slavic and English are used. These Slavic people have brought a new element into the region. They are respected by the Virginians for their honesty

and thrift and Christian ideals. There are opportunities for new work on this field. Both means and workers are needed.

### Minnesota

At Silver Lake there is a self-supporting church, which recently installed a new pastor, Rev. V. J. Lisy.

At South Elmdale the pastor of our rural church reports that the Sunday morning services and Sunday School are well attended, but he is hoping that there will be a greater hunger for the Word of God and a deeper religious interest.

St. Paul. All departments are doing better since a basement has been added and the auditorium enlarged. The pastor reports that the influence of the church seems to be creating an influence for better living in the community. The present pastor has been on the field for thirty-two years and is much loved by his people.

### Michigan

In Detroit the Polish church has called back a former pastor, Rev. Paul Kozielek. All departments have been reorganized and special efforts made to interest the young people. A junior church service follows the Sunday School, with processional and recessional. The thousands of Polish people in this city need to see and understand the type of faith and life we stand for, and Mr. and Mrs. Kozielek are striving to interpret Congregational ideas and ideals by precept and example.

## SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT (THE)

The missionary cause is not an obligation to national or state "societies", but it is the definite, concerted effort of Christian people to impart to others everywhere the blessings of the Christian life, the Christ-like "way," the immortal hope and the comfort wherewith the "God of all comfort" heals the hurt of wounded hearts. Through all the days of the years commissioned men, representing our churches, are laboring, each in his specific field, for the spiritual welfare of men, women and little children. It is well to visualize the concrete, personal factors in the task of homeland christianization. In the Central South, during 1928, thirty-five missionaries gave 298 months of service in behalf of thirty-seven churches and thirty-four Bible schools. These churches report a total membership of 2,743, and a Bible School enrollment of 2,844. Into those churches 180 members have been welcomed on confession of faith, in all 219 new members. This means that more than eighty-two per cent of the members were received on confession. If it be noted that these figures are less than for previous years, a partial explanation is that when the reductions of a year ago were made, three churches were denied missionary aid, and federation at some points has reduced the roll of aided churches.

In the matter of benevolences for the year, Oklahoma has contributed on apportionment, \$3,915.72; and for specials, \$378.10; a total for Congregational missions of \$4,293.82. Texas, not including the El Paso churches, or the two German churches, on the apportionment, \$1,274.01; for specials, \$135; total, \$1,409.01. Louisiana reports total contributions of \$747.83, making a complete total of \$6,450.66.

Two churches attained self-support with the year's close, Goltry, Oklahoma, Rev. W. M. Oakes, pastor, and Fort Worth, Texas, Rev. S. T. McKinney, pastor. Roseland, Louisiana, by federation with our Presbyterian brethren is also removed from the aided list, barring a small emergency appropriation. Besides the federation at Roseland, progress toward unification has been made at Jennings, Oklahoma, where present indications are that we shall take from the Methodists, with wholly amicable agreement, a field occupied by both heretofore, to the advantage of all concerned. Emergencies have arisen at Port Arthur and San Antonio requiring redoubled effort and increased aid, but Mr. Lynn Squires on the former and Dr. Hiram B. Harrison on the latter are meeting the crises with commendable energy and courage, and with hopeful prospects.

Carrier, Oklahoma, made the year memorable by a building campaign. This was launched with a visit from the Superintendent February 5th. The corner stone was laid with appropriate ceremony July 15th, and on November 18th a splendid brick house of worship was dedicated. It is a beautiful and adequate village church building, the cost being fully \$32,000, which is wholly provided for, with aid from the Building Society. Rev. R. T. Bridge is pastor, to whom much credit is due. While Carrier is self-supporting, it is distinctly the fruit of earlier home missionary ministry.

The overshadowing event of the year was the untimely death of Pastor Frank Gunn Brainerd of Tulsa in September, beloved and honored by us all. The heavy blow would have been disastrous at Tulsa but for the availability of Dr. Brainerd's intimate friend, Rev. Dr. John A. Rice, whose able and loyal ministries have brought to the local field renewed enthusiasm and promise.

The Young People's Summer Conference at Waxahachie, Texas, was again a real success, and on the whole, despite some unusual obstacles, the work of the district has been sustained with faithfulness and profit. We are impressed anew with the value of the steady, perhaps unpretentious ministries of pastors and churches through the years. Mr. Marsh has delved in our records to show that in ten years in the four states of the Central South 3,969 members have been brought into our churches on confession of faith, 2,576 by letter, a total of 6,545 people brought to the altar of the Lord to covenant themselves to the Christian life. To be sure, we do not count quite that many members now. The rapid population changes in this new South country, much of which is oil lands, have made permanent memberships or congregations particularly difficult. But think of the exalted experiences that have been brought into the lives of more than 6,500 people, of the memories and influences that have affected most of them ever since for good, and let this be a little illustration of the value of missionary service steadily sustained through the years on the far flung battle lines of our splendid American frontiers.

### SOUTH DAKOTA

The year 1928 has shown distinct signs of encouragement that the financial tide has turned somewhat for South Dakota. The state is still feeling the effect of having more than forty million dollars tied up in closed banks, which has produced untold hardships in many ways. This, along with a succession of years with poor crops over a large part of the state, has made the financing of the churches

in many places very difficult. In spite of this depressing condition there is prevalent an atmosphere of optimism and hope. The "come back" seems to be wonderful, and the citizens of the state are anticipating that next year will be better.

The crops this year in the southeastern portion of the state were good, but in many places there was only half a crop or less. Grain was put into the ground last spring but most of it rotted before there was moisture enough to start it growing. There was very little rain until late in June, making all crops rather late. Thousands of acres of flax were never cut and lots of the corn never matured. There was an unusually large potato crop, but the farmers could not afford to dig them for fifteen cents per bushel, the prevailing price during the digging season.

Owing to this general agricultural situation it was anticipated that there would be a shrinkage in benevolences for the year, but instead there was quite a marked increase in giving. Gifts on the apportionment exceeded those of last year about \$300 and much more came in as designated gifts for Florida and Porto Rico relief and for the University Church Fund. This has given encouragement to the workers throughout the state and churches are assuming the apportionment as a first claim upon their resources.

The salaries of pastors have been at a standstill for several years. There should have been a gradual increase all along the line but this has not been possible. The average salary in the state is the lowest of all the conferences, except in one or two instances and these are conferences of colored churches. If the state is to maintain a high standard in leadership, there must be a gradual increase in salaries for our ministers.

There have been two new church buildings put up and a few parsonages. These all have been under consideration for at least five years but financial conditions were not favorable for immediate construction. The largest new church building erected was at the State University city, Vermillion. They have greatly needed better equipment and were handicapped because of this need, so the new edifice which cost about \$85,000 will greatly increase the service the church can render in this educational center. The only other church was built at Onaka. They had been holding services in the school building for several years, so they are rejoicing in their new equipment.

Two splendid new parsonages were built during 1928, one at Watertown and the other at Rapid City. These were built by two of our stronger churches and add not only material comforts for the pastors and their families, but increased valuation to the fine church building in each place, constructed about ten years ago. This new equipment gives them both property valuation that is exceeded by only two or three other churches in the state. The parsonages each cost about eight or nine thousand.

Two churches have been remodeled during the year. The church at Columbia was almost rebuilt; at least it is almost as good as a new one. Bryant put in a basement for furnace room and additional space. These changes have greatly benefited the work in these fields, giving them modern church equipment.

South Dakota is optimistic about the future and it is hoped that next year may mark a steady advance all along the line in building "the church".



**SOUTHEAST DISTRICT (THE)****Georgia, Alabama and West Florida**

These are distinctly missionary states. Apart from a few growing cities our work is centered in pioneer territory. It represents a real frontier task. But if the need is great, the opportunity for service is greater. In reported figures there are eighty-four churches with 4,988 members and 3,350 Sunday School enrollment. In actual possibilities there are hundreds of thousands of children and young people without definite religious educational training. This represents our major task and could be carried out if finances made such a program possible.

During 1928 a church has been organized in Birmingham, Alabama, with fine prospects for development. The La Grange church, Georgia, has been federated with the First Christian church under the proposed plan of union with the Southern Christian Convention. This plan saves \$800 of missionary money which is being used for important city work. Rural work is being increasingly stressed in connection with the Larger Parish Plan, and efficiency promoted in urging the development of present parishes before organizing much new work.

Young people's activities are coming rapidly to the front, as seen in the Christian Life Conferences, held several years in succession in Georgia and Alabama, and for two years in West Florida. Sunday School advance is also in evidence, for in Alabama the enrollment increased by nearly 500.

Piedmont College, Georgia, and Thorsby Academy, Alabama, have had another good year. Piedmont Junior College in Alabama unites with the other institutions in a great educational ideal and an outstanding Christian influence. These educational institutions are a fine asset in connection with our extension activities.

In giving for others these states shared with the other states of the Southeast in reaching first rank in apportionment receipts. On the basis of the quotas assigned, the District of the Southeast led the country, making eighty-five per cent of the amount asked for.

**Kentucky, Tennessee and the Carolinas**

The fascination of mountain, industrial, tourist and educational service centers in this group of Congregational states. Here all types of work are found and the urge Congregationally is as marked as the Christian emphasis is in evidence. High thinking and plain living set the standards for beautiful doing. For the missionary spirit is being carried not only into the ordinary ranks of life, but finds a wonderful point of contact with those who go to the mountains for health purposes. Our ministers in big parishes, with scattered church life are not only "prophets of the long road," but messengers in humble homes and bringers of good tidings to many away from home in search of renewed bodily vigor. This country is not only the land of the mountaineer but the place of service for those who come from afar.

That our type of service is needed there is no longer any question. That we are welcomed by the larger denominations is clearly in evidence. That we are growing steadily and surely is an undoubted fact. Congregationalism is making a distinct appeal to the Southland.

During the year the important work known as the Collegese Church in Nashville has been organized, Dr. William E. Barton leading in the gathering of a fine congregation and receiving nearly fifty people into church fellowship. Our group included about a dozen members of the faculty of Vanderbilt University, and many of the students of the educational institutions adjacent to the Vanderbilt campus are associated with us. A member of the student body of the Vanderbilt University School of Religion assists the pastor. Following the ministry of Dr. Barton, Dr. Nicholas Van der Pyl, of Oberlin, was called to serve the church until the close of the university year.

In interdenominational affairs we are among the leaders; in interracial interests nothing could be finer or more appreciated than the Congregational participation in the group of the Southeastern States. The first reciprocal exchange in Tennessee includes one of our fields where the interests of a larger Christian program were placed before strictly denominational standing. In a service that calls for the putting of brotherhood into practice, we are still in the front ranks.

In Summer Conference plans a splendid advance is being made. Centering in Blue Ridge in connection with the Missionary Education Conference, our delegation is now the largest from the entire South. With Elon College we are also uniting on a fraternal basis with the expectation that permanency will result. Christian Life Conferences are held at several points in the territory, and the leadership of the Blue Ridge Conference falls to us in 1929.

The personnel of the ministry is of a high type. The churches are growing under this trained leadership in worship, ideals, membership and religious educational service. Our churches in this group number forty-two, with a total membership of 2,839 and a Sunday School enrollment of 3,697.

### **Negro Work (South)**

Supplementing the Southern church work, largely under the direction of the American Missionary Association, the Congregational Sunday School Extension Society organized in 1919 a department of Negro Work South for the cultivation of Sunday School and young people's activities. Two full-time workers are under commission, Rev. Edward H. Phillips caring for Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, and Miss Eleanor Hithe directs the work in the Carolinas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Georgia. Each summer four college young people are added to the staff. This part of our service is full of promise and should be expended. In this connection we also cooperate with the Kings Mountain and Iberia summer conferences.

### **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT (THE)**

#### **English-Speaking Work**

An encouraging phase of this work is the stability of the pastorate. The splendid academic equipment of the ministers, together with devotion to the task, make our leaders an outstanding group. Purposeful preaching, modern and constructive, has marked our pulpits.

Young people's study groups, high school and university, have been successfully conducted.

A unity of purpose has characterized our work. Some of the pastors are laboring under the handicap of inadequate buildings. Some way must be found to reasonably house the congregations at such places as Phoenix, El Paso and Albuquerque.

In addition to those reared in the reactionary, dominant churches and who have broken with those bodies, there is an increasing number from the North and Northeast coming this way for winter or permanent residence, besides those who are coming for health's sake.

### **Summer Camps**

Progress has been made at Pilgrim Playground, our Summer Camp in Northern Arizona. A chapel, fifteen houses, a tennis court and water developed are some of the physical achievements. An elevation of seven thousand feet, pine timber, fishing and hiking, besides the many points of interest within easy driving distance, such as the Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest, Roosevelt Dam, Ice Caves, Meteor Mountain, Natural Bridge and prehistoric ruins, make this a delightful summer camp.

### **Spanish-Speaking Work**

Commendable progress has been made in shaping the Plaza program along economic, social, recreational, medical and evangelical lines. This is the Spanish-speaking work taken over from the American Missionary Association as of January 1, 1928.

Four workers are on this field. Besides these, much time has been spent there by our pastor-at-large, especially in Vacation Bible Schools and other religious work. About five hundred children and young people were reached in the Plazas and other places where we have Spanish-speaking work.

We now have the Cubero building equipped for hospital work in a small way. Six beds, a special delivery bed, operating table and other equipment have been installed.

To make our work more largely effective, we must have a resident physician and a traveling hospital unit.

El Buen Pastor Church at El Paso has been closed and all our El Paso work centered in East El Paso. A full-time helper is needed here.

At Albuquerque, South Broadway is doing a fine bit of work. The Gallup church is doing good work under the handicap of uncertain and shifting population.

A Spanish-speaking population of nearly three millions in the United States, presents a clear challenge to obligation and opportunity.

### **Tuberculosis Aid**

Through the generosity of our Extension Boards we have been able, during the year to minister to nine sufferers from tuberculosis. Two of these died. Others have a good chance for recovery. Some are lingering.

We have frequent appeals for church work from ministers, some member of whose families have the disease.

The Superintendent's conviction that our Congregational fellowship has a clear duty to perform in providing a tuberculosis hospital in this District, grows stronger. We can not escape the obligation.

### UTAH

Isolation and pressure from strong conservative groups tend to produce a feeling of inferiority. It is easy to whip a group who feel inferior. Our task is to persuade small Congregational groups of the "worthwhileness" of their task as leaveners. Sometimes we seem to make progress. Again we are not so sure.

Surely, if we have made progress, it is best seen in our Summer Assembly. The very facts that there are many of us there and that we live together as a unified group, tend to overcome conditions which normally seems to produce lack of confidence. Two hundred of us, at most; a hundred and fifty of us, the least, gathered together on the shores of a beautiful lake under real teachers—this is the beginning of a solidarity and an appreciation of what our mission is, that is filled with hope for the future.

Regarding the fields themselves, Rev. Charles E. Sebold has continued to do the same fine work at Vernal. The State Conference met there and helped him rededicate his newly-worked-over chapel. Provo has a church building program under Rev. Everett E. Bachelder. It looks as though it would go over finally. Miss Gile has led her groups with all her great-hearted understanding and zeal. Robert Kennan has come into a hard situation at Ogden, and is making a young man's fight against odds. We feel that we have a contribution to make there, but we are not sure that we can make it. We hope that we can. If we go, there is no modern approach to the gospel left in that city.

We believe that we have a message for this Mormon sector or there would be little pleasure in doing this work here. Probably our progress is bound to be slow. But we have our place here and we must continue to give what we have to give or the advance of the Kingdom will be delayed. We do not compete, we do not fight, but we do serve where we are needed. Can we do more than that?

### WYOMING

Wyoming is a state of great distances and small population in comparison with other states of the Union. It is for the most part a cattle country with small widely-scattered trading centers, except where oil has been discovered or irrigation projects have reclaimed the desert and put a small section under intensive cultivation. It is a state of undeveloped resources and pioneer conditions, but it will undoubtedly become of increasing importance and strength. The present conditions make home missionary work difficult, expensive, and more or less uncertain. No one can foretell where developments will occur which will cause new communities to spring up, nor what change in economic conditions may reduce a prosperous community to a ghost community, as such dreary remains are termed.

At present there are nineteen active Congregational churches, three of which are self-supporting and sixteen aided. During the past calendar year six of these reduced their home missionary appropriation from the amount granted the preceding year.

Our churches in Wyoming are scattered, and separated by such great distances, that it has not seemed possible to hold District Association meetings; all effort is centered on the Annual State Conference meeting. With the aid of the Church Extension Boards' appropriation, used to help pay the traveling expenses of pastors and delegates, these State Conferences are outstanding events. During the



past three years every pastor has been present, with delegates, at the opening sessions, and throughout the meeting. Some of these must drive by auto 350 to 400 miles each way, or a round trip mileage of from 700 to 800 miles. Imagine what such fellowship means to pastors who are serving these isolated, widely-extended, home missionary fields on our frontier.

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF NEGRO WORK IN THE NORTH

During 1928 the Director served as follows:

Advisory—Helping in pastoral calls and adjustments in Boston, Detroit, and Jamaica; at church conferences, anniversaries, rallies, etc., attending conferences of groups or individuals.

Missionary promotion—Field work in interest of both homeland work and foreign work, principally that of the Galangue Station, Angola, Portuguese West Africa, the specific work of the colored churches.

Pastoral work—Building up the Michigan Avenue Church (now The Church of the Good Shepherd), Chicago; 299 members received in 1928; \$11,000 raised; church membership now 550; Sunday School membership now 350 from 150 in 1927; new \$75,000 plant purchased with the aid of national and local societies.

Interracial work—Summer Student Conferences, four; Week-end Student Conferences, four; Interracial addresses, thirty; Interracial seminars, three; Good-will tours, six; Civic addresses, twenty-five; Membership on civic welfare and uplift committees.

HAROLD M. KINGSLEY.

### REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF TOWN AND COUNTRY DEPARTMENT

States served during 1928: Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Wisconsin.

Addresses in city churches: Twenty.

Field visitation: Connecticut, four; Iowa, two; Maine, ten; Ohio, three.

Denominational gatherings attended: Annual Meeting of the Home Boards, Isles of Shoals Conference, Minnesota Woman's Federation, North Dakota State Conference, Wisconsin State Conference.

Interdenominational gatherings: Comity Conference, Cleveland, Ohio; New York Federation of Churches, Syracuse, New York; Minnesota State Federation of Churches, Minneapolis; Hartford Council of Churches, Hartford, Connecticut.

A new phase of work very exacting in character is a demand for courses of seminar-lectures in five theological seminaries. This came unsought and was authorized by official vote of the Administrative Committee of the Church Extension Boards, under specific arrangements. The following is a summary:

Summer schools for rural ministers: Boston University, five hours; Ocean Park, Maine, two hours; Austintown, three hours.

Theological seminaries: Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut, spring semester, thirty hours; Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut, two hours; Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, twenty-four hours; Fiske University, Nashville, Tennessee, one hour. Fall semester: Hartford Seminary, thirty hours; Yale Divinity School, thirty hours.

The work in Hartford and Yale was under a financial agreement which took care of expenses and half the Director's salary during residence. This, with other such returns, saved the Extension Boards about \$1,100 during the year.

The Director has done considerable writing during the year for our denominational and other papers. The two standard pamphlets, "Parish Methods" and "The Larger Parish Plan" are being called for very widely, both within and without the denomination.

Correspondence has been voluminous and the number of applications for information about rural work from young theological students, for use in theses, shows increasing interest in country life and the country church.

MALCOLM DANA.

### REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CITY WORK

During the month of April, the Director completed a financial campaign for the reduction of a heavy indebtedness of the church at Coral Gables, Florida, thereby saving this important church from threatened foreclosure. During the month of May, he visited Detroit, Michigan, and White Plains, New York, advising as to proposed relocations and building enterprises. The month of June was divided between the Cleveland and New York offices. A portion of September and all of October were given to the state of Massachusetts and largely to the Boston area, in cooperation with the Massachusetts Conference, where he visited a large number of churches either engaged in building or planning to build, and made a number of surveys in new communities where new work is contemplated.

November was devoted to office work in Cleveland and a trip to Amarillo, Texas, for the purpose of advising as to site and building for the new church recently organized in that place.

During December trips were made to Washington, D. C., McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and Birmingham, Alabama, for the purpose of advising as to a financial campaign or proposed building enterprise. During January the Director attended the sessions of the Home Missions Council at Atlantic City and the Mid-winter Meeting in Cleveland. During the latter part of January and the first half of February, on account of the illness of the Executive Secretary of the Congregational Union of Cleveland, he took charge of the Cleveland office.

The latter part of February and all of March were given to the New York office and surveys in the following cities in North Carolina: Raleigh, Salisbury, Albermarle and Greensboro.

LUMAN H. ROYCE.

### REPORT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY

The office of the Assistant Secretary is a center of hospitality to which friends of the work, besides visitors, come in goodly numbers, it also serves as a distributing agency of information on the many inquiries covering the contacts of the Church Extension Boards with the constituency.

Of particular importance is the parsonage box work for adding comfort and cheer in the homes of our missionaries. This provision is so personal and establishes such a fraternal relationship between the churches and the missionaries that its value can not be estimated in monetary terms. All applications received during 1928 were placed with church societies for filling. Estimated value of boxes,

\$30,000. A number of community boxes have been sent by individuals. Some have been forwarded from the office to Ellis Island and some of our larger parishes also have benefited by these boxes. A small number of layettes have been called for and supplied.

The projects of the Church Extension Boards for 1929 have been prepared in conference with the Project Secretary and the information regarding projects as gleaned from narrative reports of missionaries, Superintendents and extension workers is constantly in circulation. Publicity work has included articles in "The American Missionary," particularly programs, and assistance in preparing unified programs of information and stimulus for use in churches and study groups, published by the Commission on Missions.

Prepared one program, Project Series, and twenty-one sets of objects for prayer relating to the work of the church Extension Boards for the new venture of denominational Prayer Calendar issued quarterly by the Commission on Missions.

The Church Extension Boards cooperate with the Council of Women for Home Missions in support of the Christian Social Service program, especially known as Migrant Work. The many fruits and vegetables served on our tables represent too often the labor of little children at the sacrifice of health, education and morality. The Extension Boards are especially interested, for sometimes their missionary pastors report absentee congregations during harvest period, the whole church being migrant workers in some particular crop. This work is increasingly important to the children as health clinics are held and Daily Vacation Bible Schools organized. English lessons, Mother's Clubs, Sunday Schools, Health Clubs are among the fine activities of the program.

Hurlock, Maryland, which employs Negro labor, is the migrant camp assigned to Congregationalists. The report of the supervisor of Migrant Work speaks enthusiastically of the Congregational group at Asilomar, California Summer Conference, and notes that the National "who comes here to work" and goes back to report carries cogent arguments for or against America's ideals in industry. It should be remembered that the Migrant Work is a great international and interracial contact. Working together on a project for the betterment of the children of Japanese migrants, this past summer, was an interesting group: a Confucian dentist, Chinese; a Buddhist physician, Japanese; a Catholic physician, American; a Presbyterian nurse; Baptist and Methodist religious workers, laboring harmoniously for the children's sake.

The Church Extension Boards also cooperate with other Mission Boards through the Joint Councils for Home Missions in the work among immigrants at Ellis Island. Through the Bureau of Reference we are told that over 1,800 names of immigrants were distributed to Congregational pastors and workers for follow-up work last year.

Our missionary at Ellis Island, Mrs. Jennie F. Pratt, has had an expanded program of work committed to her which includes the kindergarten and the nursery as well as service in the hospital. A study of the status, procedure and problems of immigration would prove a most rewarding experience in interpreting the share of the Church Extension Boards in the making of new Americans.

### Meetings Attended

Midwinter Meeting, Chicago; General Committee on Immigrant Aid; Committee of the Home Missions Council-Bureau of Reference; meeting of Home Boards, Minneapolis; Secretarial Cabinet, Boston; Secretarial Cabinet, New York; Promotional Council, Bronxville; Board of Editors of "American Missionary;" New York State C. C. W. Executive Committee; Conference Women Secretaries Home Boards.

### Speaking Appointments

New York: Berkshire, Gloversville, Ithaca, Schenectady. New York City: Executive Committee C. C. W.; Forest Avenue and Manhattan churches. Brooklyn: Central and Flatbush churches; Program Day of Prayer, Tompkins Avenue church. Rockville Center; Christ Church, Woodhaven.

New Jersey: East Orange, Trinity Church; Montclair, First Church; Verona. Pennsylvania: Germantown, Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

MINNIE H. PEARSALL.

### REPORT OF ASSOCIATE SECRETARY OF MISSIONS

The year 1928 was given to a steady program of field service arranged primarily by Rev. Judson Cross of the New England Regional Office, Rev. Howell Davies of the Chicago Regional Office, Rev. Ansel Johnson and Rev. Charles C. Merrill of the Promotional Department of the Commission on Missions.

These leaders, with the State Superintendents and the women officers of the individual states, planned trips in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Oregon, Washington, Northern and Southern California. Scattered appointments were taken in Idaho, Illinois, and New York, totaling 187.

Summer work included three full-time Conferences, where I taught both of the new Home Mission Study books and carried my share of other work; also part-time service at the Isles of Shoales Conference in New England.

I was delegated to team service with the group that visited all the Associations of Northern and Southern California and afterwards spent six weeks on the Pacific Coast, making special trips out into the smaller fields, visiting our churches in the old gold-mining sections, passing the vineyards where crops are neither gathered, shipped nor marketed, and having an unusual opportunity to see the work we are attempting to do among the Orientals, both Japanese and Chinese.

One afternoon was spent with the Armenians who live around the Bay, and one memorable day at Angel Island, our Government Port of Entry on the Pacific Ocean, with a former Congregational Chinese pastor, Rev. Lee Hong, who is now one of the Secretaries of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. Another unusual experience was a picnic with our German pastors and their wives in a grove just out from Fresno.

Most of the office work has been conducted from 19 South La Salle Street.

MIRIAM L. WOODBERRY.



# THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY

## REPORT OF CHURCH BUILDING SECRETARY

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This report is for twelve months ending November 30, 1928, the period covered by the last Annual Report to the Board of Directors. The total income of the Church Building Society from all sources during this period was \$713,362.11; the amount received through the apportionment and special gifts was \$170,176.31 and the balance came through repaid grants, collection of church and parsonage loan installments, interest, property sales, and legacies.

### Appropriations Made

We appropriate from month to month what is available in our different funds for appropriation, thus our income last year enabled us to make appropriations as follows:

117	Grants calling for .....	\$206,551.00
126	Church Loans calling for.....	349,625.00
42	Parsonage Loans calling for.....	62,195.00
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285	Grants and Loans Voted .....	\$618,371.00

### Paid to Churches

Money appropriated to churches is disbursed as soon as proper notification can be made and legal papers adjusted. Payments thus made during the year were as follows:

Grants and Loans to 110 Churches.....	\$451,334.82
Parsonage Loans to 29 Churches.....	59,195.00
Money paid directly to churches protected under our grant mortgages . . . . .	2,607.54

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Total paid to Churches .....

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\$513,137.36

### Applications Carried Over from 1928

7	Applications for Parsonage Loans asking .....	\$ 15,100.00
34	Applications for Grants asking .....	73,200.00
45	Applications for Church Loans asking .....	196,500.00
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86	Applications asking for .....	\$284,800.00

### **Catching Up With Our Docket**

The fact that we have been for several years now of necessity receiving applications for smaller proportionate amounts than in former years and that we have had during the last year a considerable increase in our income, has enabled us to move more rapidly in taking care of the cases on our docket. Our appropriations, therefore, have been about \$100,000 more than they were in the preceding year and it has not been necessary to keep applications on our docket waiting so long. This is very gratifying and we hope the improving conditions may continue.

### **Causes for Increase in Income**

It should be noted, however, that only about \$25,000 of this increase came through the apportionment and special gifts. Most of the increase can be accounted for through a legacy of over \$40,000 which came during the last few months and one particularly large repaid grant amounting to over \$30,000. In addition to this special effort has been made by the Treasurer's Department during the last year to secure prompt payment on church and parsonage loan installments with good results. The same thing may be said concerning the efforts to secure increased payments from delinquent churches through correspondence from the Secretary's office. It is also true that for the same reasons we have had an increase in the returns from repayment of old grants and disposal of abandoned church property. All of this had a tendency to increase our total income during the year. We hope and expect the same general results through the same type of effort to continue.

### **Loans as Missionary Aid**

It should be remembered that even our loans, church and parsonage, are, in a true sense, missionary aid, as they are made on easy installment payments through a long period of years, all parsonage loans entirely without interest, as also all church loans not in excess of \$2,500, and only nominal interest on the larger church loans. For example, on a regular commercial loan of \$2,500, with interest at six per cent and payable in annual installments through a period of ten years, a church would pay out in ten years \$825 in interest. Our non-interest bearing \$2,500 loan saves the church exactly that much. On a loan of \$5,000, a church would pay out exactly twice that much, or, \$1,650, whereas, the Society, by furnishing the same loan at two per cent, actually saves the church during that period \$1,100. On loans above \$5,000, the Building Society rate is three per cent. A loan of \$7,500, for example, at six per cent, would cost a church, through a period of ten years, \$2,475. One-half that amount, or, \$1,237.50, represents the saving to the church by having secured the loan from the Building Society. On a loan of \$10,000 from the Building Society, at three per cent, the church would pay out, during the ten years, \$1,650 interest, and that represents exactly what it saves, because the commercial loan would cost the church twice that much. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that none of this money loaned to the churches comes to the Society through the contributions made to the Society through the apportionment. Apportionment money all goes into the grant fund and is appropriated as grants, which are tantamount to actual gifts to all churches which continue in the Congregational Fellowship.

### Adjustment of Work

At the February meeting 1928 the Administrative Committee took the following action:

VOTED: That, in view of the readjustments in the work of The Congregational Church Building Society made necessary by the election of a Joint Treasurer for the Home Societies, the Church Building Secretary be requested to take charge, in addition to the work hitherto under his supervision, of the following phases of the work of the Society:

1. Authorizing the disbursements of grants and loans appropriated from time to time, preparation of mortgages, correspondence pertaining thereto, certifying to the Treasurer's office when the checks should be drawn for transmission with the mortgages in due course and terms of payments thereof.
2. All matters pertaining to insurance on property where the interests of the Church Building Society are involved.
3. Correspondence and recommendations, when referred by the Treasurer as delinquent claims, including what are commonly known as "follow-up" cases, where churches become delinquent in payment of the regular loan installments.

VOTED: That the Treasurer be authorized to make payment of grants and loans when they are certified to him for payment by the Church Building Secretary.

The work has been carried on, we believe, successfully, thus and, so far as we know, agreeably to all parties immediately concerned. In fact, there seems to be a considerable advantage in having the work of corresponding with the churches, making recommendations concerning aid to be given and attending to the disbursement of the funds so appropriated, all under the supervision of the same person, who is thus necessarily familiar with the facts and conditions pertaining to each case from beginning to end.

### Annual Suspended Manual Contemplated

Last year by vote of the Board of Directors, the regular standard Annual Report of the Church Building Society was dispensed with and a brief report incorporated in and made part of the Annual Report of the Congregational Church Extension Boards. These Annual Reports of the Building Society contained not only the annual report of the activities of the Society but many illustrations and pictures of church buildings, showing some of the best specimens of church architecture and also giving considerable details of plans for church buildings for the help of those who were in the midst of planning church construction. These Annuals were distributed very widely. It had been our custom to publish about five thousand copies per year and they were sent to the different strategic centers for distribution and placed in the hands of the State Superintendents. Calls came to the office almost daily for our Annuals from individuals and churches contemplating or planning building operations and as these copies were

sent out they carried with them all over the country and kept in that way prominently before the minds of people the work of the Church Building Society. The Annual Report of the Extension Boards, on the other hand, is very limited in its circulation, only sixteen hundred copies being printed, and the illustrative matter eliminated. We hope to publish from time to time a Manual of Church Building Plans to meet, so far as possible, the needs of those especially interested in the construction of church buildings and who had hitherto found help from our illustrated Annual.

### Scope and Character of the Work

Our field is the whole United States. The needs and opportunities, so far as our work is concerned, are just as great in and about the large cities in the oldest states of the Union as in the small towns and country places of the newer and more sparsely settled places. Our monthly docket is always an interesting picture and fully illustrating the foregoing statement. At our last meeting, for example, we made appropriations in Iowa, South Dakota, New York, Massachusetts, Washington, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Texas, Montana, Kansas, Idaho, Maine and Florida. The cases ranged all the way from a Finnish Church in Washington to the old Central Church of Philadelphia and from a parsonage in Maine to a federated church in Minnesota, and on to an emergency case in Texas where unusually large appropriations were called for. In the meeting just preceding the last, the cases ranged from a little German Church in Wyoming where our appropriations were a grant of \$500 and a loan of \$500, to a large and rapidly growing church in the suburbs of Boston where cost and needed appropriations were many, many times the smaller amounts which meet the needs of the smaller church. The need is the same in character and the variety is constant. Should the so-called missionary church disappear entirely from the map, it would not change materially the scope and character of our work. We always give the right of way to the small church in the strictly missionary field, but the need for assistance in the development of churches in the more populous centers and especially in the suburbs of growing cities is forever increasing; and when we reflect that the churches being established in these centers are now, and in the years to come will be, the great sources of strength for all our work, financial and spiritual, we realize the significance of helping these churches secure proper equipment to the end that they may, themselves, develop and grow strong. Endless illustrations could be given in detail did space permit. It seems necessary only to call attention to the general fact with which all are, or may be, familiar. An especially significant aspect of our work is that done in connection with churches in college and university centers. Several such churches have been helped generously during the last year and these cases appear with increasing frequency upon our docket. Seldom is a church in such a center, what may be called a wealthy church, but always such a church needs special equipment on account of the student body. These young people have not money to contribute, either to build or to support the church, but they need the church and the church needs them. They become the great messengers of our Christian civilization and



it is missionary work of the highest type to assist the churches in such localities to equip themselves properly for this great service.

### Looking Ahead

The past year has been one of the most fruitful and successful in the history of the Society. No matter what changes come in administrations and detail, our goal is ever before us—that of serving the churches to the limit of our ability. With our docket of applications at the present time well in hand, we hope for a continuation of the increase in our income that we may be able increasingly to enter the doors of opportunity ever opening before us. We wish to work in the spirit of co-operation, fellowship and goodwill with our co-laborers in all of our united organizations everywhere.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES ROBERT SMITH,  
Church Building Secretary.

## CHURCHES AND PARSONAGES AIDED

1853-1929

State	Churches Aided	Amount of Aid	Aid Repaid	Parsonages Aided	Amount of Aid	Aid Repaid
Alabama .....	30	\$24,240.00	12	9	\$4,650.00	6
Alaska .....	4	6,470.00	1	2	1,400.00	..
Arizona .....	19	32,453.26	4	6	7,700.00	6
Arkansas .....	10	16,337.00	5	3	2,350.00	2
California .....	373	794,246.39	96	94	75,175.00	77
Colorado .....	174	289,883.49	41	56	41,975.00	51
Connecticut .....	54	133,450.38	12	8	9,100.00	6
Cuba .....	1	1,200.00	..	..	....	..
Delaware .....	2	2,095.35	1	..	....	..
District of Columbia ...	15	175,802.17	2	1	4,000.00	1
Florida .....	82	217,395.40	23	24	25,025.00	16
France, Paris, Rue de Berri .....	1	15,000.00	..	..	....	..
Georgia .....	67	80,988.79	17	10	6,510.00	7
Hawaii .....	2	8,000.00	..	2	2,720.00	..
Idaho .....	66	100,915.87	15	21	13,350.00	13
Illinois .....	422	708,197.44	20	88	89,450.00	61
Indiana .....	100	188,521.05	43	13	10,050.00	11
Indian Terr. ....	6	6,153.62	3	2	2,200.00	1
Iowa .....	398	417,160.70	175	92	54,484.00	88
Kansas .....	289	337,221.00	119	75	38,539.40	68
Kentucky .....	9	12,985.00	3	2	1,650.00	2
Louisiana .....	28	48,040.70	9	10	5,450.00	8
Maine .....	92	101,134.61	18	15	14,010.00	14
Maryland .....	9	25,030.00	5	1	1,000.00	..
Massachusetts .....	128	377,045.73	37	16	21,725.00	8
Michigan .....	391	415,274.95	137	107	50,791.35	101
Minnesota .....	398	500,326.68	113	130	88,116.00	105
Missouri .....	142	278,933.22	69	24	18,070.00	21
Montana .....	108	158,150.61	14	35	28,000.00	26
Nebraska .....	313	328,984.95	120	132	69,943.00	122
Nevada .....	2	5,747.55	2	1	300.00	1
New Hampshire .....	22	41,921.11	4	2	2,567.00	..
New Jersey .....	85	302,817.26	22	14	23,550.00	9
New Mexico .....	16	20,394.04	5	9	7,100.00	5
New York .....	276	1,029,998.17	102	44	65,058.00	32
North Carolina .....	79	106,571.93	7	14	9,840.00	8
North Dakota .....	240	275,800.29	45	90	54,709.00	74
Ohio .....	182	565,579.00	80	17	25,500.00	11
Oklahoma .....	134	137,155.22	54	61	21,770.00	52
Oregon .....	123	210,150.06	21	34	25,250.00	24
Pennsylvania .....	109	364,165.04	39	26	43,200.00	19
Porto Rico .....	11	31,444.78	..	3	5,000.00	..
Rhode Island .....	13	44,300.00	6	4	6,900.00	2
South Carolina .....	6	8,888.31	3	2	1,400.00	2
South Dakota .....	257	303,994.91	43	131	78,780.80	93
Tennessee .....	22	76,457.35	5	6	3,800.00	4
Texas .....	66	194,220.60	12	22	26,300.00	14
Utah .....	18	40,172.15	4	6	8,383.55	6
Vermont .....	33	38,026.07	6	8	5,600.00	7
Virginia .....	9	12,087.50	3	..	....	..
Washington .....	279	404,742.52	67	113	74,600.00	84
West Virginia .....	4	11,160.00	..	2	1,000.00	2
Wisconsin .....	340	365,270.55	126	88	68,613.00	75
Wyoming .....	51	70,557.00	8	20	19,350.00	16
Panama Canal Zone ....	3	11,000.00	..	..	....	..
6113	\$19,537,660.66	1959	1695	\$2,075,588.65	1363	

# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## **THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH EXTENSION BOARDS**

**The Congregational Home Missionary Society**

**The Congregational Church Building Society**

**The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society**

**FISCAL YEAR ENDING**

**MARCH 31, 1929**

# THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH EXTENSION BOARDS

## CONTRIBUTIONS IN DETAIL BY STATES

	1927-28	1928-29
Alabama .....	\$ 291.40	\$ 287.10
Arizona .....	602.48	786.40
Arkansas .....	4.17	40.25
California, North .....	2,888.25	4,955.25
California, South .....	6,958.35	11,172.79
Colorado .....	5,712.09	4,037.08
Connecticut .....	62,846.32	66,947.75
Delaware .....	1.83	27.00
District of Columbia .....	1,149.84	2,036.39
Florida .....	2,738.50	2,746.76
Georgia .....	573.92	466.73
Hawaii .....	750.00	254.27
Idaho .....	485.16	394.53
Illinois .....	31,256.88	30,005.82
Indiana .....	3,733.70	3,436.66
Iowa .....	10,570.12	12,113.47
Kansas .....	3,636.62	3,315.08
Kentucky .....	118.68	137.24
Louisiana .....	390.10	355.00
Maine .....	9,621.58	7,851.20
Maryland .....	76.59	184.25
Massachusetts .....	99,671.62	101,531.84
Michigan .....	13,504.44	14,301.36
Minnesota .....	6,588.56	5,933.19
Mississippi .....	144.26	20.44
Missouri .....	4,127.90	4,789.53
Montana .....	956.02	1,261.75
Nebraska .....	4,731.00	5,209.53
New Hampshire .....	11,405.31	13,557.95
New Jersey .....	9,736.31	14,202.37
New Mexico .....	154.41	70.13
New York .....	32,033.19	34,949.20
North Carolina .....	612.72	523.69
North Dakota .....	2,347.44	2,449.87
Ohio .....	19,265.19	17,934.48
Oklahoma .....	907.88	1,216.40
Oregon .....	3,261.93	3,164.78
Pennsylvania .....	7,161.71	14,410.14



May, 1929

# Church Extension Boards

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Rhode Island .....	9,050.47	8,658.64
South Carolina .....	90.44	138.95
South Dakota .....	5,054.40	4,805.13
Tennessee .....	414.45	1,265.56
Texas .....	778.83	650.54
Utah .....	184.21	247.87
Vermont .....	6,243.93	5,965.80
Virginia .....	67.71	122.61
West Virginia .....	....	130.12
Washington .....	3,022.21	3,999.72
Wisconsin .....	9,118.33	10,442.58
Wyoming .....	399.25	449.82
Evangelical Protestant .....	....	1,048.60
German Churches .....	12,040.27	12,956.14
Miscellaneous .....	5.00	1,440.96
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	\$407,485.97	\$439,400.71
C. H. M. S. ....	\$187,175.72	\$214,455.68
C. C. B. S. ....	161,625.57	167,530.89
C. S. S. E. S. ....	58,684.68	57,414.14
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	\$407,485.97	\$439,400.71

# The Congregational Home Missionary Society

Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1929

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## RECEIPTS

### Contributions (See table on page 49):

Churches, Sunday Schools, Individuals .....	\$214,455.68
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### Legacies, Matured Conditional Gifts:

Total Legacies of the year.....	\$ 93,152.18
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Matured Conditional Gifts .....	111,360.00
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	\$204,512.18
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Less Legacy Expenses .....	\$ 1,327.57
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Transferred to Legacy Equaliza-	
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tion Fund .....	83,184.61	84,512.18
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	\$120,000.00
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### Income from Investments:

Total interest and dividends .....	\$147,784.44
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### Deductions:

Added to principal of certain funds..	\$21,585.26
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Interest on Conditional Gifts.....	20,039.49
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Investment expenses .....	1,991.37	43,616.12
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	104,168.32
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Total Receipts of National Society.....	\$438,624.00
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**DISBURSEMENTS****Missionary Service** (See detailed table on page 54):

Field Work .....	\$359,003.58	
Annuity premiums for field workers.....	660.38	
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**Administration:**

Salaries, Secretarial Department.....	\$ 10,908.33	
Salaries, Treasury Department .....	3,500.00	
Clerical Services .....	10,785.42	
Traveling Expense .....	1,900.48	
Annual and Midwinter Meetings .....	2,517.27	
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**General Expenses:**

Agency Expenses .....	\$ 3,747.53	
Group Insurance .....	241.31	
Interest on Loans .....	4,277.75	
Inter-Society Expenses .....	4,971.56	
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	985.75	
Office Equipment .....	353.40	
Postage, Stationery, Telephone, Printing.....	1,606.14	
Rent .....	3,701.52	
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**Publicity:**

"The American Missionary" .....	\$ 4,976.27	
Reports, Books, Leaflets, etc. ....	4,010.88	
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**Honorary Salaries** ..... 1,193.65

**Mortuary** ..... 157.50

**Commission on Missions** ..... 16,219.76

**Total Disbursements of National Society**.....\$435,718.48

## SUMMARY OF NATIONAL SOCIETY ACCOUNTS

**Receipts:**

Contributions .....	\$214,455.68	
Legacies, Matured Gifts (net) .....	120,000.00	
Income from Investments .....	104,168.32	
	<hr/>	\$438,624.00

**Disbursements:**

Missionary Service .....	\$359,663.96	
Administration .....	29,611.50	
General Expenses .....	19,884.96	
Publicity .....	8,987.15	
Sundry Items .....	17,570.91	
	<hr/>	435,718.48

Balance March 31, 1929.....\$ 2,905.52

Deficit March 31, 1928 ..... 83,174.34

Net Deficit .....\$ 80,268.82

By vote of the Administrative Committee, April 17, 1929, there was transferred from Legacy Equalization Fund, the amount available for a deficit this year..... 32,250.10

Leaving a net deficit of.....\$ 48,018.72

**Division of the \$1 Received  
by the National Society**

Contributions 49 cents	Investments 24c.	Legacies 27c.
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**Division of the \$1 Disbursed by  
the National Society**

Missionary Service 83 cents	Expense 11 cents	Sundries 6 c.
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## SUMMARY OF SELF-SUPPORTING SOCIETIES ANNUAL REPORTS

### RECEIPTS

	Balance Begin- ning of Year	Contributions (net)	Legacies and Investments	Loans and Miscellaneous	Total Receipts
California (No.).....		\$ 19,058.63	\$ 7,140.00	\$ 1,405.83	\$ 27,604.46
California (So.).....	\$ 9,306.07	69,781.45	3,876.09	459.13	83,422.74
Connecticut .....	285.64	33,670.99	31,211.93		65,168.56
Hawaii .....	*957.38	57,257.31	52,924.96	25,882.16	135,107.05
Illinois .....		41,524.36	6,878.91	5,444.58	53,847.85
Iowa .....	1,606.82	12,772.38	3,141.45	4,071.47	21,592.12
Kansas .....	658.00	13,281.00	4,808.00	3,846.00	22,593.00
Maine .....	3,216.12	20,990.26	7,124.01	6,624.78	37,955.17
Massachusetts .....		66,803.40	86,995.54	7,972.21	161,771.15
Michigan .....	2,275.00	43,164.00	2,997.00		48,436.00
Mid. Atlantic Conf..	5,692.64	22,975.60			28,668.24
Minnesota .....		32,857.93	802.90	3,000.00	36,660.83
Missouri .....	10,433.00	14,789.00	2,533.00	120.00	27,875.00
Nebraska .....		11,599.00			11,599.00
New Hampshire ...	2,019.35	13,834.46	8,549.30	2,658.91	27,062.02
New York .....	1,411.97	54,166.92	11,564.67	2,500.00	69,643.56
Ohio .....	3,018.35	40,816.55	18,996.43	3,716.64	66,547.97
Rhode Island .....		8,611.00			8,611.00
Vermont .....	† .....				
Washington .....	*5,409.55	16,996.14	773.52	12,239.41	24,599.52
Wisconsin .....	† .....				
	\$ 33,556.03	\$594,950.38	\$250,317.71	\$79,941.12	\$958,765.24

\* Overdraft.

### DISBURSEMENTS

	Missionary Service Field Administration	General Expenses	Loans and Miscellaneous	Total Dis- bursements
California (No.).....	\$ 17,781.35	\$ 8,591.66		\$ 26,373.01
California (So.).....	31,002.62	17,676.07	39,414.63	568.84
Connecticut .....	49,468.96	9,759.56	4,707.00	
Hawaii .....				
Illinois .....	18,731.02	15,311.75	14,452.38	7,000.00
Iowa .....	9,368.94	4,312.78	2,221.12	4,000.00
Kansas .....	5,370.00	6,526.00	2,987.00	
Maine .....	23,025.21	6,411.10	2,018.86	4,000.00
Massachusetts .....	118,276.17	7,000.00	36,494.98	
Michigan .....	36,568.00	11,797.00		
Mid. Atlantic Conf..	10,283.00	2,400.00	3,242.45	
Minnesota .....	16,053.96	11,926.50	5,917.55	1,000.00
Missouri .....	8,756.00	2,348.00	801.00	
Nebraska .....	5,006.63	600.00	5,992.37	
New Hampshire ....	14,635.90	8,199.69	2,621.09	
New York .....	55,033.25	7,393.85	9,430.98	
Ohio .....	40,795.93	14,464.66	9,378.76	
Rhode Island .....	5,032.00	3,579.00		
Vermont .....	† .....			
Washington .....	12,746.19	5,022.51	4,430.61	1,300.00
Wisconsin .....	† .....			
	\$477,935.13	\$134,728.47	\$152,702.44	\$17,868.84
				\$915,905.55

† No report furnished.

Note—Reports are for calendar year 1928, except Massachusetts and Middle Atlantic Conference, which report for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1929.

## MISSIONARY SERVICE

## ACTUAL CASH EXPENDED APRIL 1, 1928 TO MARCH 31, 1929

<b>Eastern Division Office</b> .....	\$ 9,188.48		
Extension Workers .....	2,497.12		
Florida .....	17,092.48		
Indiana .....	3,092.65		
Pennsylvania .....	7,846.72		
Southeast .....	30,659.37		
Negro South .....	4,245.00		
<b>SPECIAL ITEMS</b>			
Emergency Fund .....	575.00		
Pastors' Conferences .....	300.00		
Student Summer Service .....	7,047.50		
(\$489.52 charged to states)			
Young People's Conferences .....	950.00		
		\$ 83,494.32	
<b>Western Division Office</b> .....	\$10,763.69		
Colorado .....	19,672.78		
Idaho-South .....	10,278.41		
Missouri .....	2,732.91		
Montana .....	27,770.30		
North Dakota .....	24,162.37		
Oklahoma .....	14,978.30		
Oregon .....	14,144.09		
South Dakota .....	30,882.03		
South Central .....	21,078.01		
Southwest .....	33,540.11		
Utah .....	7,509.76		
Washington, Alaska, N. Idaho .....	9,318.83		
Wyoming .....	8,580.80		
<b>SPECIAL ITEMS</b>			
Hospital Fund, Southwest .....	4,205.00		
Student Summer Service .....	6,595.67		
(\$3,923.54 charged to states)			
Summer Assemblies .....	450.00		
		246,663.06	
<b>General Division:</b>			
Armenian .....	\$ 2,537.50		
Bulgarian .....	950.00		
Finnish .....	12,258.96		
Dano-Norwegian, Slavic, Swedish .....	16,167.10		
German .....	23,626.25		
Greek .....	600.00		
Italian .....	3,306.70		
City Work .....	5,951.55		
Negro Work, North .....	7,773.62		
Town and Country Work.....	4,458.31		
	\$77,629.99		
<b>SPECIAL ITEMS</b>			
Annuity Premiums for Field Workers.....	\$ 792.44		
Automobile Insurance .....	1,368.58		
Chaplains .....	1,290.85		
Congregationalist and Literature .....	1,393.89		
Contingent Fund .....	355.00		
Ellis Island .....	1,957.90		
Literature Grants .....	1,113.58		
Migrant Work .....	1,200.00		
Pensions .....	1,268.93		
(Student Summer Service \$819, charged to languages.)			
	\$10,741.17	88,371.16	\$418,528.54
Special Contributions forwarded to fields not covered by our regular schedule .....			4,607.73
			\$423,136.27
Congregational Home Missionary Society.....			\$359,663.96
Congregational Sunday School Extension Society...			63,472.31

## INVESTMENT FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS

### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

**Total of Funds, April 1, 1928.....**\$2,777,181.88

**Additions During Year:**

Dr. Sanders Benevolent Fund (Income added) .. \$	493.53
N. S. Wordin Fund (Income Added) .....	21,031.73
Conditional Gift .....	34,160.00
Endowment Fund Reserve .....	60,397.52
Legacy Equalization Fund .....	83,184.61
Ministerial Pension Reserve Fund .....	1,235.38
Jennette B. Wood Fund .....	2,000.00
Martha A. Brooks Fund .....	1,000.00
Henry H. Earl Fund .....	1,000.00
Rebecca P. Fairbanks Fund .....	1,000.00
John P. Holmes Fund .....	100.00
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	205,602.77
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	\$2,982,784.65

**Reductions During Year:**

Matured Conditional Gifts .....	\$112,433.00
Legacy Equalization Fund .....	6,783.14
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	119,216.14

**Balance of Investment Fund, March 31, 1929.....**\$2,863,568.51

### FUNDS ARE INVESTED AS FOLLOWS

(Detailed list of Securities will be sent upon request)

**Stocks:**

Bank and Insurance .....	\$190,725.00
Railroads .....	250,476.68
Public Utilities .....	63,184.64
Industrials .....	250,691.00

**Bonds:**

Government and City .....	131,475.00
Railroads .....	438,072.25
Public Utilities .....	668,402.50
Industrials .....	136,861.50

**Real Estate .....** 5,115.75

**Miscellaneous .....** 284.61

**Mortgages .....** 584,181.07

**Cash Temporarily Loaned to Current Funds.....** 79,060.65

**Uninvested .....** 65,037.86

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\$2,863,568.51

### LIST OF FUNDS, MARCH 31, 1929

Conditional Gift Fund .....	\$ 311,892.36
Legacy Equalization Fund .....	196,750.90
Temporary Investment Fund .....	1,701.00
Endowment Reserve Fund .....	157,198.42
Centennial Fund .....	100,000.00
Ministerial Pension Reserve Fund .....	19,849.26
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	\$ 787,391.94

**Endowment Funds:**

Joseph M. and Susan F. Stone Fund .....	\$858,873.22
Nathaniel S. Wordin Fund .....	403,426.85
Strong Memorial Fund .....	138,814.46
James McQuesten Fund .....	100,000.00
Lyman K. Seymour Fund .....	54,606.56
Clara E. Hillyer Fund .....	50,000.00
Swett Exigency Fund .....	50,000.00
Mary E. Wilde Fund .....	31,169.00
A. W. Kenny Fund .....	30,000.00
Harriet R. Ballou Fund .....	30,000.00
Thomas S. Johnson Fund .....	27,700.00
Wm. S. Merrill Memorial Fund .....	23,698.14
Fund in Memory of George Jepherson .....	20,000.00
C. S. Peaslee Trust Fund .....	18,930.22
Eva A. Houston Trust Fund .....	18,123.53
Sarah H. Sage Fund .....	15,000.00
Walter S. Hogg Memorial Fund .....	15,000.00
Alice E. Luther Fund .....	12,400.70
William H. Laird Fund .....	10,000.00
Augusta M. Manning Fund .....	9,521.52
Edward L. Clarke Fund .....	9,000.00
E. M. Condit Trust Fund .....	8,750.00
Dr. Orren S. Sanders Benevolent Fund .....	9,466.80
C. L. Ford Fund .....	7,575.38
Annie L. Whitin Fund .....	7,000.00
Susan Goddard Fund .....	6,289.05
Dr. Miles Spaulding Fund .....	5,431.12
Lachlan Macdonald Fund .....	5,340.29
Mary A. Goddard Fund .....	5,171.62
Mary L. Bowers Fund .....	5,000.00
Robert Hamilton Fund .....	5,000.00
George L. Newton Fund .....	5,000.00
Sophie B. Lord Fund .....	4,975.00
Levi Graves Fund .....	4,492.00
Sarah M. Allen Memorial Fund .....	4,000.00
Rebecca P. Fairbanks Fund .....	3,000.00
Fred B. Dingley Fund .....	2,754.30
Susan M. Dewing Fund .....	2,689.10
Amory Woodbury Fund .....	2,400.00
Catharine A. Blakeman Fund .....	2,000.00
Martha J. Kimball Fund .....	2,000.00
J. H. Merrill Fund .....	2,000.00
Maria R. Warriner Fund .....	2,000.00
Jennette B. Wood Fund .....	2,000.00
Mary A. Wright Fund .....	2,000.00
Mary H. Chase Fund .....	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. White Fund .....	2,000.00
Emily S. Huntington Fund .....	1,922.62
Luther Farnham Trust Fund .....	1,900.00
Lizzie E. Lamb Fund .....	1,900.00
George W. Mabie Fund .....	1,600.00
Lake Trust Fund .....	1,600.00
Elvira S. Spaulding Fund .....	1,532.52
Charles M. Mead Memorial Fund .....	1,500.00
Horace G. Story Fund .....	1,450.69
H. Adaline Thompson Trust Fund .....	1,216.17
Charles N. Hayward Fund .....	1,194.18
Margaret A. Simpson Fund .....	1,100.00

Louise S. Baker Fund .....	1,000.00
Martha A. Brooks Fund .....	1,000.00
Henry H. Earl Fund .....	1,000.00
Mary B. Skinner Fund .....	1,000.00
Mary B. Spaulding Trust Fund .....	1,000.00
James S. Stone Fund .....	1,000.00
Sarah Townsend Fund .....	1,000.00
George W. Tuttle Fund .....	1,000.00
Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Garner Fund .....	1,000.00
John M. Cameron Fund .....	1,000.00
Irene S. Barbour Fund .....	1,000.00
Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Bryant Fund .....	1,000.00
John H. and Harriet Richardson Fund .....	1,000.00
Mary W. Atwater Fund .....	1,000.00
Edward Taylor Fund .....	900.00
Samuel A. Hopkins Fund .....	897.05
Timothy Moore Fund .....	875.00
George Z. Mechling Fund .....	690.00
Archibald L. Mills Fund .....	581.36
H. M. Keener Fund .....	500.00
Marie E. McMaster Fund .....	500.00
Henry Sedgwick Fund .....	500.00
Helen S. James Fund .....	500.00
Oliver T. Hotchkiss Fund .....	500.00
Lorin C. Mead Fund .....	500.00
Hannah E. Malbon Fund .....	500.00
Edwin Hallock Fund .....	478.12
Katharine C. Eastman Fund .....	190.00
Henry W. Avery Fund .....	100.00
A. H. Bray Fund .....	100.00
John P. Holmes Fund .....	100.00
W. L. Durand Fund .....	100.00
Two unknown friends by Henry C. Ward .....	100.00
Andrew J. and Laura A. Finn Fund .....	50.00

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**AUDITOR'S REPORT**


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\$2,863,568.51

The Administrative Committee,  
 Congregational Home Missionary Society,  
 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I have audited the accounts of the Congregational Home Missionary Society for the year ended March 31, 1929, and hereby certify that the Summary of Receipts and Disbursements amounting to:

Receipts .....	\$438,624.00
Disbursements .....	435,718.48

sets forth correctly the transactions as stated by the books.

I further certify that I have examined or verified by direct correspondence with the depositories the investments belonging to the Society, which have a book value of Two Million Seven Hundred and Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$2,719,470.00) and have counted or verified by direct correspondence with the depositories the cash balance on March 31, 1929 amounting to:

Cash in Bank .....	\$ 64,262.86
Petty Cash on Hand .....	775.00

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) CHESTER P. CHILD,

Certified Public Accountant.

May 1, 1929



# The Congregational Church Building Society

Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1929

## CURRENT FUNDS

### RECEIPTS

**Contributions** (See table on page 49):

Churches, Sunday Schools, Individuals..... \$167,530.89

**Legacies, Matured Conditional Gifts:**

Total Legacies and Matured Gifts.....\$ 89,215.71

Less Legacy Expenses ..... 550.72 88,664.99

**Income from Investments:**

Total interest and dividends.....\$ 73,122.41

**Deductions:**

Added to principal of certain funds.....\$1,412.04

Interest on Conditional Gifts..... 5,728.97

Investment Expenses ..... 826.09

7,967.10

65,155.31

**Total Receipts** ..... \$321,351.19

### DISBURSEMENTS

**Administration:**

Executive Salaries .....\$ 11,526.67

Clerical Salaries ..... 8,628.34

Traveling Expense ..... 1,351.19

Meetings ..... 1,429.10

\$ 22,935.30

**General Expenses:**

Agency Expense .....\$ 2,998.03

Interdenominational ..... 3,977.23

Group Insurance ..... 193.05

Ministerial Annuity Dues ..... 528.29

Miscellaneous Expense ..... 788.61

Office Equipment ..... 282.72

Postage, Stationery, Telephone, Printing..... 1,284.71

Rent ..... 2,961.20

13,013.84

**Publicity:**

"The American Missionary".....\$ 3,981.00

Reports, Books, Leaflets ..... 3,295.88

7,276.88

**Honorary Salaries** ..... 954.91

**Mortuary** ..... 126.00

**Commission on Missions**..... 12,975.74

\$ 57,282.67

Transferred to Revolving Funds for Church Building Aid..... 264,068.52

\$321,351.19

**REVOLVING FUNDS FOR CHURCH AND PARSONAGE BUILDING AID****Balance, April 1, 1928 (Appropriated, Subject to Call):**

For Church Building Aid.....	\$157,736.36	
For Parsonage Building Aid.....	21,801.40	
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		\$179,537.76

**Transferred From Current Funds:**

For Church Building Aid.....		264,068.52
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**RECEIPTS****Repayments:**

Church Loans .....	\$194,267.72	
Church Grants .....	65,478.51	
Parsonage Loans .....	55,641.89	
Total Repayments by Churches .....		<hr/>
		\$315,388.12
Interest on Church Loans.....	26,864.69	
Interest on Grants.....	5,503.23	
Sales of Property .....	6,675.72	
Income of Taintor Fund (For Parsonage Loan Fund) .....	193.47	
Legacy for Parsonage Loan Fund.....	500.00	
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		355,125.23
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<b>Total Receipts .....</b>		<b>\$798,731.51</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS****Paid to Churches:**

Church Loans .....	\$242,475.00	
Church Grants .....	163,476.50	
Parsonage Loans .....	49,950.00	
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		\$455,901.50
Insurance, Taxes, and Repairs.....	754.61	
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<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>		<b>456,656.11</b>

**Balance, March 31, 1929 (Appropriated, Subject to Call):**

For Church Building Aid.....	\$208,429.02	
For Parsonage Building Aid.....	25,282.33	
For Grants .....	108,364.05	
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		\$342,075.40
Temporary Loan to Investment Funds for Investment .....	\$295,000.00	
Cash in Bank .....	47,075.40	
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		\$342,075.40

**REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
MARCH 31, 1929**

Appropriations paid to aid in building houses of worship and parsonages for Congregational Churches, for which mortgages have been given to secure from loss in case of failure or change of denomination by the church. Church and Parsonage Loans are repaid to the Society in installments and when the payments thus made are equal to the amount of the mortgage, the obligation of the church is cancelled.

State	Church Loans	Grants	Parsonage Loans
<b>Alabama—(\$1,100.00)</b>			
Andalusia, Antioch .....	....	....	300.00
Moulton, Mt. Moriah .....	300.00	200.00	....
Mountain Springs .....	200.00	100.00	....
	<hr/> 500.00	<hr/> 300.00	<hr/> 300.00
<b>California—(\$63,000.00)</b>			
Barstow, First .....	2,000.00	2,000.00	....
Claremont .....	5,000.00	10,000.00	....
Escondido, Christ .....	....	1,500.00	....
Los Angeles			
Bethany .....	....	....	1,500.00
Pilgrim .....	....	....	1,500.00
Western Knoll .....	3,000.00	2,000.00	....
Westwood Hills .....	4,000.00	2,500.00	....
Martinez, First .....	7,500.00	2,500.00	....
Paradise, Craig Memorial .....	2,500.00	500.00	....
Pomona Valley, Mexican .....	2,500.00	2,500.00	....
Sierra Madre, First .....	7,000.00	3,000.00	....
	<hr/> 33,500.00	<hr/> 26,500.00	<hr/> 3,000.00
<b>Colorado—(\$13,500.00)</b>			
Bethune, German Evangelical .....	2,500.00	500.00	....
Brush, Immanuel (German) .....	4,000.00	2,000.00	....
Denver, Pilgrim .....	1,500.00	1,500.00	....
Fort Collins, German .....	....	....	1,500.00
	<hr/> 8,000.00	<hr/> 4,000.00	<hr/> 1,500.00
<b>Connecticut—(\$6,307.50)</b>			
East Haven, First .....	....	600.00	....
Stamford, Swedish Evangelical ...	5,000.00	....	....
Whitneyville .....	....	707.50	....
	<hr/> 5,000.00	<hr/> 1,307.50	<hr/> ....
<b>Cuba—(\$1,200.00)</b>			
Havana, Union .....	....	1,200.00	....
<b>District of Columbia—(\$15,000.00)</b>			
Washington, Lincoln Memorial ...	5,000.00	10,000.00	....

State	Church Loans	Grants	Parsonage Loans
<b>Florida—(\$17,198.00)</b>			
Coral Gables .....	4,000.00	2,000.00	....
Jupiter, People's .....	....	1,700.00	....
Lake Worth, First .....	....	750.00	....
Palm City, Bible Union.....	....	4,000.00	....
Sanford, People's .....	....	248.00	....
West Palm Beach, Union.....	....	4,500.00	....
	<hr/> 4,000.00	13,198.00	....
<b>Georgia—(\$250.00)</b>			
Thomasville, Bethany .....	....	....	250.00
<b>Idaho—(\$9,315.00)</b>			
Grand View, First .....	625.00	690.00	....
Lewiston .....	300.00	200.00	....
Mullan, First .....	....	....	1,000.00
Pocatello, First .....	5,500.00	1,000.00	....
	<hr/> 6,425.00	1,890.00	1,000.00
<b>Illinois—(\$40,400.00)</b>			
Bureau, First .....	2,000.00	1,000.00	....
Elmhurst, First .....	7,000.00	3,000.00	2,500.00
Glen Ellyn, First .....	10,000.00	5,000.00	....
Jacksonville .....	....	300.00	....
Maywood, Plymouth .....	5,000.00	2,500.00	....
Mattoon, Union .....	1,000.00	500.00	....
Rockton, First .....	600.00	....	....
	<hr/> 25,600.00	12,300.00	2,500.00
<b>Indiana—(\$18,193.00)</b>			
Hammond .....	....	193.00	....
South Bend, Community .....	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Terre Haute, Plymouth .....	2,500.00	....	....
Whiting, Plymouth .....	5,000.00	2,500.00	....
	<hr/> 11,500.00	4,693.00	2,000.00
<b>Iowa—(\$13,500.00)</b>			
Belle Plaine, First .....	....	....	2,500.00
Fonda, Community .....	2,500.00	....	....
Greenville, Grace .....	1,200.00	800.00	....
Peterson, First .....	3,000.00	1,500.00	....
Sioux Rapids, First .....	....	2,000.00	....
	<hr/> 6,700.00	4,300.00	2,500.00
<b>Kansas—(\$9,200.00)</b>			
Kinsley, First .....	5,000.00	....	....
Milford .....	....	....	700.00
Seneca, First .....	2,000.00	1,000.00	....
Stanley, Community .....	500.00	....	....
	<hr/> 7,500.00	1,000.00	700.00

State	Church Loans	Grants	Parsonage Loans
<b>Kentucky—(\$900.00)</b>			
Pine Knot, Community .....	400.00	500.00	....
<b>Louisiana—(\$4,500.00)</b>			
Lake Charles, Woodbury .....	3,000.00	1,500.00	....
<b>Maryland—(\$1,000.00)</b>			
Frostburg, Shiloh Welsh .....	....	....	1,000.00
<b>Massachusetts—(\$22,500.00)</b>			
Arlington Heights, Park Avenue..	3,000.00	2,000.00	....
Rutland, First .....	5,000.00	2,500.00	....
Stoneham, First .....	4,000.00	2,000.00	....
Woburn, North .....	2,000.00	2,000.00	....
	14,000.00	8,500.00	....
<b>Michigan—(\$7,000.00)</b>			
Detroit, Boulevard .....	2,500.00	2,500.00	....
Jackson, Plymouth .....	....	....	2,000.00
<b>Minnesota—(\$24,000.00)</b>			
Detroit Lakes, First .....	2,500.00	500.00	....
Granite Falls .....	....	....	2,000.00
Minneapolis, Como Avenue .....	2,000.00	1,000.00	....
Minneapolis, Mayflower .....	1,000.00	500.00	....
Minnewashta, Union .....	....	....	1,500.00
Palo, Evangelical Mission .....	900.00	800.00	....
Wabasha, First .....	1,500.00	1,000.00	....
Mineral Center, United .....	....	300.00	....
St. Paul, Grace .....	6,000.00	2,500.00	....
	13,900.00	6,600.00	3,500.00
<b>Montana—(\$9,500.00)</b>			
Billings .....	5,000.00	3,000.00	....
Ekalaka .....	1,500.00	....	....
	6,500.00	3,000.00	....
<b>Nebraska—(\$10,500.00)</b>			
Blair .....	1,000.00	500.00	....
Culbertson, German .....	1,500.00	1,500.00	....
Lincoln, Ebenezer Evangelical ...	4,000.00	2,000.00	....
	6,500.00	4,000.00	....
<b>New Hampshire—(\$3,500.00)</b>			
Pike, Bethany .....	1,750.00	1,750.00	....
<b>New Jersey—(\$11,300.00)</b>			
Hackensack, First .....	....	....	2,500.00
Newark, Belleville Avenue .....	1,800.00	....	....
Orange, Norwegian Evang'l Free..	3,500.00	1,500.00	....
Union Beach .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	....
	6,300.00	2,500.00	2,500.00



State	Church Loans	Grants	Parsonage Loans
<b>New York—(\$22,000.00)</b>			
East Rockaway, Bethany .....	5,000.00	.....	.....
New York, Rugby (Brooklyn)...	7,500.00	3,000.00	.....
Oakwood Heights, Community ..	4,000.00	2,500.00	.....
	<hr/> 16,500.00	<hr/> 5,500.00	<hr/> .....
<b>North Carolina—(\$21,600.00)</b>			
Albemarle, First .....	2,500.00	.....	.....
Greensboro, First .....	2,500.00	1,000.00	.....
High Point, Washington Terrace..	1,500.00	1,000.00	.....
Raleigh, United .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	.....
Randleman, Flint Hill .....	.....	600.00	.....
Southern Pines, Wide Fellowship..	.....	.....	2,500.00
	<hr/> 11,500.00	<hr/> 7,600.00	<hr/> 2,500.00
<b>North Dakota—(\$2,350.00)</b>			
Adams, Spring Butte Union .....	.....	350.00	.....
Shields .....	.....	1,000.00	.....
Tappen .....	500.00	.....	.....
Velva, First .....	.....	.....	500.00
	<hr/> 500.00	<hr/> 1,350.00	<hr/> 500.00
<b>Ohio—(\$7,050.31)</b>			
Cleveland, Collinwood .....	.....	2,050.31	.....
Cuyahoga Falls, First .....	5,000.00	.....	.....
<b>Oklahoma—(\$1,000.00)</b>			
Clinton, First German .....	500.00	500.00	.....
<b>Oregon—(\$3,300.00)</b>			
Portland, Evangelical Breth. Gem..	.....	.....	1,200.00
Portland, Second German .....	.....	.....	1,500.00
Portland, University Park .....	.....	.....	600.00
	<hr/> .....	<hr/> .....	<hr/> 3,300.00
<b>Pennsylvania—(\$16,500.00)</b>			
Beaver Falls, First Ger. Evang...	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....
Columbus, Community .....	1,500.00	.....	.....
Mt. Carmel, Tabernacle .....	2,500.00	.....	.....
Old Forge, Welsh and English ...	2,000.00	1,000.00	.....
Philadelphia, Armenian .....	.....	.....	1,500.00
Philadelphia, Kensington .....	.....	.....	3,000.00
Tarentum .....	.....	.....	3,000.00
	<hr/> 7,000.00	<hr/> 2,000.00	<hr/> 7,500.00
<b>Porto Rico—(\$7,447.69)</b>			
Santurce .....	2,250.00	1,250.00	.....
Yabucoa .....	1,000.00	2,937.69	.....
	<hr/> 3,250.00	<hr/> 4,187.69	<hr/> .....
<b>Rhode Island—(\$1,400.00)</b>			
Newport, Union .....	.....	.....	1,400.00

State	Church Loans	Grants	Parsonage Loans
<b>South Dakota—(\$24,300)</b>			
Columbia, United .....	1,000.00	300.00	....
Herried, First German .....	1,000.00	500.00	....
Letcher .....	500.00	....	....
Nisland, First .....	750.00	750.00	....
Scenic .....	....	....	500.00
Selby .....	....	....	1,500.00
Vermillion, First .....	7,500.00	7,500.00	....
Watertown, First .....	....	....	2,500.00
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	10,750.00	9,050.00	4,500.00
<b>Tennessee—(\$500.00)</b>			
Crossville, First .....	500.00	....	....
<b>Texas—(\$7,400.00)</b>			
Beaumont, Graham .....	2,000.00	1,000.00	....
Follett, St. Johannes .....	1,500.00	500.00	....
San Antonio, First .....	2,400.00	....	....
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	5,900.00	1,500.00	....
<b>Utah—(\$2,500.00)</b>			
Ogden, Japanese Union .....	....	2,500.00	....
<b>Washington—(\$13,500.00)</b>			
Harrington, Community .....	1,500.00	1,000.00	500.00
Hillyard, First .....	....	....	1,800.00
Olympia, St. Marks German.....	750.00	750.00	....
Spokane, Westminster .....	....	4,000.00	....
Trent, First .....	500.00	500.00	....
Usk .....	....	400.00	....
Winlock, Finnish Evangelical....	....	....	1,800.00
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	2,750.00	6,650.00	4,100.00
<b>Wisconsin—(\$22,200.00)</b>			
Adams, Trinity .....	2,000.00	500.00	....
Amery, First .....	....	....	2,000.00
Delavan .....	4,000.00	2,000.00	....
East Troy, First .....	....	....	1,400.00
Ladysmith, First .....	5,000.00	3,500.00	....
Lone Rock, First .....	1,000.00	500.00	....
Wauwatosa, First .....	....	300.00	....
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	12,000.00	6,800.00	3,400.00
<b>Total Church Loans .....</b>	<b>242,475.00</b>	....	....
<b>Total Grants .....</b>	....	<b>163,476.50</b>	....
<b>Total Parsonage Loans .....</b>	....	....	<b>49,950.00</b>

## INVESTMENT FUNDS

Investment Funds, April 1, 1928. .... \$1,173,287.44

## Additions:

Conditional Gift Fund .....	\$ 2,000.00	
Profit on Sale of Securities.....	1,567.33	
Ministerial Pension Reserve Fund.....	953.27	
Orren S. Sanders Fund, Income Added .....	475.09	
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		4,995.69
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		\$1,178,283.13

## Reductions:

Matured Conditional Gifts .....	36,550.00	
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		\$1,141,733.13

## Investment Funds, March 31, 1929:

## Endowment Funds:

Joseph M. and Susan F. Stone Fund.....	\$858,858.98	
Lyman K. Seymour Fund.....	45,585.49	
Dr. Orren S. Sanders Fund.....	9,113.00	
Annie L. Whitin Fund.....	7,000.00	
Timothy Smith Fund .....	5,000.00	
Joseph S. Ricker Fund.....	5,000.00	
Samuel White Fund .....	3,000.00	
Fred B. Dingley Fund .....	2,752.04	
Augusta Billings Taintor Fund .....	3,517.68	
Fannie F. O. Read Fund.....	2,178.10	
Lizzie E. Lamb Fund .....	1,900.00	
E. L. Clarke Fund .....	1,000.00	
Rev. George C. Meckling Fund.....	690.00	
Charles Marsh Mead Memorial Fund.....	500.00	
Lorin C. Mead Memorial Fund.....	500.00	
Robert Ford Fund .....	200.00	
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		\$ 946,795.29

Conditional Gift Fund .....	88,403.50	
Endowment Reserve Fund .....	15,711.47	
Ministerial Reserve Pension Fund.....	15,822.87	
Guaranty Fund .....	50,000.00	
Pilgrim Church Grant Fund.....	25,000.00	
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\$1,141,733.13

**INVESTMENT FUNDS INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:****Stocks:**

Bank and Insurance .....	\$211,448.44	
Railroads .....	133,383.10	
Public Utilities .....	50,246.89	
Industrials .....	83,383.00	
		\$ 478,461.43

**Bonds:**

Government—City .....	\$ 38,554.00	
Railroads .....	304,710.42	
Public Utilities .....	391,577.50	
Industrials .....	66,888.75	
		\$ 801,729.67

**Mortgages** .....

155,500.00

**Miscellaneous** .....

2.00

**Cash** .....

1,039.03

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\$1,436,733.13**Less Temporary Loan from Revolving Funds, for Investment**

295,000.00

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\$1,141,733.13**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The Administrative Committee,  
 Congregational Church Building Society,  
 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I have audited the accounts of the Congregational Church Building Society, for the year ended March 31, 1929, and hereby certify that the Summary of Receipts and Disbursements of the Current and Revolving Funds amounting to:

	Receipts	Disbursements
Current Funds .....	\$321,351.19	\$ 57,282.67
Revolving Funds .....	355,125.23	456,656.11

sets forth correctly the transactions as stated by the books.

I further certify that I have examined or verified by direct correspondence with the depositories the securities belonging to the Society, which have a book value of One Million Four Hundred and Thirty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Four Dollars and Ten Cents (\$1,435,694.10) and have counted or verified by direct correspondence with the depositories the cash balance at March 31, 1929, amounting to:

Revolving Funds .....	\$47,075.40
Investment Funds .....	1,039.03

Incorporated in the books but not reflected in the Summary of Receipts and Disbursements, were two series of adjusting journal entries. The first series were made to give the churches credit for the payments they had made to the Chicago office, which were not forwarded to the Treasurer's office in New York. These entries totaled a charge to the Grant Fund of \$8,805.76 and credits of \$5,740.04 to Church Loans, \$2,953.75 to Parsonage Loans and \$111.97 to Church Loans Interest. The second series were made to bring the Church Mortgage Loan and Parsonage Mortgage Loan into agreement with the trial balance of the individual Churches accounts. These entries total a credit to the Grant Fund of \$6,842.70 and charges of \$984.52 to Church Loans and \$5,858.18 to Parsonage Loans. The net result is a decrease of \$1,963.06 in the Grant Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) CHESTER P. CHILD,  
 Certified Public Accountant.

May 1, 1929

# The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society

Report of the Treasurer for the Year Ending March 31, 1929

## CURRENT FUNDS

Balance, April 1, 1928..... \$ 18.46

### RECEIPTS

**Contributions** (See table on page 49):  
Churches, Sunday Schools, Individuals..... 57,414.14

**Legacies, Matured Conditional Gifts:**  
Total for the year ..... \$ 54,664.75  
Less Legacy Expenses ..... \$ 542.34  
Transferred to Reserve Fund.... 34,150.00 34,692.34  
19,972.41

**Income from Investments:**  
Interest and dividends ..... \$ 781.12

**Deduction:**  
Interest on Conditional Gifts..... 46.10  
735.02

**Total Receipts** ..... \$ 78,140.03

### DISBURSEMENTS

**Missionary Service** (See detailed table on page 54):  
Field Work ..... \$ 63,340.25  
Annuity Premiums ..... 132.06  
\$ 63,472.31

**Administration:**  
Salaries ..... \$ 2,881.66  
Clerical Services ..... 2,157.09  
Traveling Expenses ..... 334.91  
Meetings ..... 357.28  
5,730.94

**General Expenses:**  
Agency Expenses ..... \$ 749.53  
Group Insurance ..... 48.27  
Interdenominational Expense ..... 994.30  
Miscellaneous Expense ..... 197.38  
Office Equipment ..... 70.68  
Postage, Stationery, Telephone, Printing..... 321.14  
Rent ..... 740.28  
3,121.58

**Publicity:**  
"The American Missionary" ..... \$ 995.24  
Reports, Books, Leaflets, etc..... 823.96  
1,819.20

**Honorary Salaries** ..... 238.70  
**Mortuary** ..... 31.50  
**Commission on Missions** ..... 3,243.94

**Total Disbursements** ..... \$ 77,658.17

Balance, March 31, 1929..... \$ 481.86



## INVESTMENT AND RESERVE FUNDS

## Statement of Account for Year Ending March 31, 1929

Total of Funds, April 1, 1928..... \$ 6,435.00

## Additions During Year:

Conditional Gift Fund .....	\$ 2,500.00	
Ministerial Pension Reserve Fund.....	236.20	
Legacy Reserve Fund .....	34,150.00	
Rebecca P. Fairbanks Fund.....	500.00	
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		37,386.20

Total of Funds, March 31, 1929..... \$ 43,821.20

## Investments:

Mortgages ..... \$ 43,821.20

## Funds:

E. L. Clarke Fund .....	\$ 1,000.00	
Ethel M. Clapp Memorial Fund.....	500.00	
Rebecca P. Fairbanks Fund.....	500.00	
Anita B. Ferris Fund .....	460.00	
Conditional Gift Fund .....	3,300.00	
Ministerial Pension Reserve Fund.....	3,911.20	
Legacy Reserve Fund .....	34,150.00	
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		\$ 43,821.20

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Administrative Committee,  
Congregational Sunday School Extension Society,  
287 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I have audited the accounts of the Congregational Sunday School Extension Society for the year ended March 31, 1929, and hereby certify that the Summary of Receipts and Disbursements amounting to:

Receipts .....	\$78,121.57
Disbursements .....	77,658.17

sets forth correctly the transactions as stated by the books.

I further certify that I have examined the securities belonging to the Society which have a book value of Forty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-One Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$43,821.20) and have verified by direct correspondence with the depositories the cash balance at March 31, 1929, amounting to Four Hundred and Eighty-One Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$481.86).

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) CHESTER P. CHILD,  
Certified Public Accountant.

May 1, 1929

**\*By-Laws**  
**OF**  
**The Congregational**  
**Home Missionary Society**

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**ARTICLE I.**

**NAME**

The Society shall be called The Congregational Home Missionary Society.

**ARTICLE II.**

**OBJECT**

The object of this Society shall be to assist, either directly or through the Conferences and Home Missionary Societies connected with the Congregational denomination in the several states of the Union, congregations that would otherwise be unable to support the Gospel ministry; and in general, to extend the Gospel and the means of Christian education within the United States and the West Indies.

**ARTICLE III.**

**MEMBERSHIP**

1. Life members, who became such prior to 1901, shall retain their voting right, unless it be voluntarily surrendered.

2. The Congregational churches of this country shall be represented in the voting membership of this Society by members elected in number and manner as follows:

All voting members of the National Council of Congregational Churches shall be voting members of The Congregational Home Missionary Society during the period of their membership in the National Council.

3. The Society shall designate ninety persons as voting members-at-large, of whom thirty-six shall be the elected members of the Board of Directors, who shall be chosen in two equal sections, and so chosen that the term of each section shall be ultimately four years, one section being chosen every second year at the meeting held in connection with the meeting of the National Council. In this selection it is expected that there will be included the officers, administrative committeemen, superintendents and field workers of the Society, and at least one-third of said voting members-at-large shall be women.

4. Honorary Life Members. Any person on whose behalf at least fifty dollars shall be paid into the treasury of this Society at any one time, accompanied by a request for honorary life membership, shall be an honorary life member with all the privileges of membership except voting.

5. Corresponding Members. At any meeting of the Society all pastors of Congregational churches and all delegates regularly chosen by Congregational churches in response to an invitation from the Board of Directors or the Administrative Committee of the Society, shall be enrolled as corresponding members with privileges of the floor but no vote.

\* See Notes on pages 75 and 76 concerning the By-Laws of The Church Building and Sunday School Extension Societies.

## ARTICLE IV.

## OFFICERS

The officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a General Secretary, who shall be the Secretary of the corporation, a Recording Secretary, such other secretaries and officers as may be needed for the transaction of its business, a Board of Directors, an Administrative Committee, and a Committee on Promotion.

## ARTICLE V.

## ELECTIONS

1. The President, Vice-President, Auditor, and Recording Secretary shall be elected by the Society at its Biennial Meeting for two-year terms.

2. The General Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at each Biennial Meeting on nomination by the Board of Directors. At the same meeting the Secretary of Promotion shall be elected on nomination of Committee on Promotion.

3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President and Vice-Presidents and of thirty-six elected members, at least one-third of whom shall be women, namely, one representative from each state organization which is certified by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the United States as entitled to representation, and Directors-at-Large as herein provided, and shall be elected at the Biennial Meeting as follows:

- (a)—At the Biennial Meeting of 1927, at which these By-Laws shall be put into effect, nominations for the Board of Directors shall be presented by the Nominating Committee on their own motion. At all subsequent Biennial Meetings nominations shall be made as hereinafter provided.
- (b)—Prior to the Biennial Meeting at which the term of its representative on the Board expires, each State Conference or group of Conferences certified by the National Council shall have the right to submit to the Nominating Committee the name of a minister, a layman or a woman, as may be indicated by the Nominating Committee, which nomination shall be presented to the Biennial Meeting by the Nominating Committee for election as a Director for a term of four years.
- (c)—Directors-at-Large shall be elected on nomination by the Nominating Committee in such number that there shall not be more than thirty-six elected Directors at any one time.
- (d)—The General Secretary, the Secretary of Promotion and the Secretary of the Laymen's Advisory Committee shall be honorary members of the Board without vote, and shall be expected to be present at all except executive sessions.
- (e)—The Secretary of the National Council of Congregational Churches shall be an honorary member of the Board without vote, and may be present at all except executive sessions.
- (f)—The Directors shall be divided as nearly as possible into two equal sections in such manner that the term of each section shall ultimately be four years and the term of one section shall expire at each Biennial Meeting. When any Director shall have held office for eight successive years, he shall be for two years ineligible for re-election.
- (g)—No paid official of any State Conference or Society shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

4. Between the meetings of the Board of Directors, the work of the Society other than that of promotion shall be under the immediate supervision of an Administrative Committee appointed by the Board of Directors, which Committee shall consist of not more than fifteen persons, at least one-third of whom shall be women and at least nine of whom shall be members of the Board. Of these nine, at least one may be a member of a similar committee of one or more of the other Congregational Home Boards.

(a)—The General Secretary, ex-officio, shall be an honorary member of the Administrative Committee. The membership of this Committee shall be divided as equally as practicable between ministers, laymen, and women. After serving eight consecutive years a member of the Administrative Committee shall be for two years ineligible for re-election.

(b)—This Administrative Committee shall hold regular monthly meetings when the Board is not in session and as many special meetings as may be deemed necessary. The actions of each session of the Administrative Committee shall be promptly reported to the Board of Directors.

5. For the purpose of disseminating information, cultivating interest and procuring funds from the Congregational Churches of the United States and their constituents, the Society, at its Biennial Meeting, shall elect a Committee on Promotion, which Committee may be the same as the Commission on Missions of the National Council. The Board of Directors shall provide such funds for the work of this Committee as the Society shall approve at its Biennial Meeting, and such further funds as the Board of Directors may deem essential to the effective work of said Committee.

Between meetings of the Committee on Promotion, the work of Promotion shall be under the immediate supervision of a Promotional Council of not to exceed sixteen members who shall be elected by the Board of Directors as follows:

Not more than five members on nomination of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; not more than three members on nomination of the Conference of Congregational Superintendents; one woman member on nomination of the Board of Directors; the General Secretary of this Society, the General Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Relief, the General Secretary of the Congregational Education Society, a Secretary designated by the American Missionary Association, and, ex-officiis, the Secretary of the National Council, the Secretary of Promotion, and the Secretary of the Laymen's Advisory Committee.

6. All secretaries and officers whose election or appointment is not otherwise herein provided for shall be elected or appointed at each Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors on nomination of the Administrative Committee.

7. Vacancies in any office, Board or Committee may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term.

## ARTICLE VI.

### VOTERS

All members of the Society as designated in Article III. of these By-Laws who shall be present and cause their names to be registered upon a roll to be made at each annual or other meeting of this Society by the Recording Secretary, and no other persons, shall have the right to vote at the annual election, and in annual or other meetings of the Society upon questions there arising.

## ARTICLE VII.

## THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society. In his absence one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside. In the absence of both of these, any member of the Society, duly chosen, may preside at any meeting of the Society.

## ARTICLE VIII.

## THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive and have personal charge of all funds from collections, legacies, or other sources, which are designed for the current expenses of the Society, and the custody of its trust funds, and shall keep them in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same as said Board and its Administrative Committee shall direct. He shall give bonds annually for such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine, and shall conduct the correspondence and other business of his office under the general supervision of the Board of Directors and its Administrative Committee.

## ARTICLE IX.

## THE AUDITOR

It shall be the duty of the Auditor prior to each Annual Meeting to examine the Treasurer's vouchers, books, and accounts and all certificates of stocks, bonds, and other securities held by the Treasurer, and check all investments of the funds of the Society, and certify to the correctness of the same.

## ARTICLE X.

## THE GENERAL SECRETARY

The General Secretary of the Society shall strive to work in closest sympathy with the other benevolent societies of the denomination and with the officials of state organizations; he shall cooperate with the Secretary of Promotion in making known by personal presentation, correspondence, and otherwise, to state and local associations and conferences, to churches and individuals, the objects and claims of the Society and shall have charge and direction of the work of the Society under the general supervision of the Board of Directors and its Administrative Committee. He shall present the minutes of the Administrative Committee and all its transactions to the Board of Directors at each of its meetings; he shall prepare the yearly report of the Board of Directors for the Annual Meeting of the Society and submit same for adoption at a meeting of the Board or of its Administrative Committee, as the Board may direct prior to the said Annual Meeting. He shall be an honorary member of the Board of Directors without vote and shall be expected to attend all its meetings except executive sessions.

## ARTICLE XI.

## THE SECRETARY OF PROMOTION

The Secretary of Promotion shall have charge, under the direction of the Committee on Promotion, of the dissemination of information regarding the objects and claims of the Society, the cultivation of interest and raising of funds, especially among the Congregational churches and their constituents. He shall report directly to the Society at its Annual Meeting and ad interim to the Committee on Promotion. For his assistance, the Committee on Promotion shall ap-



point such associates and assistants as it shall judge to be needed within the budget allowed for this Committee. He shall be an honorary member of the Board of Directors without vote and shall be expected to attend all its meetings except executive sessions.

## ARTICLE XII.

### THE RECORDING SECRETARY

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and proceedings of the Society, and at each annual or other meeting of the Society shall make up a roll of persons entitled to vote at such meeting, as provided in Article VI.

## ARTICLE XIII.

### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION

1. The Board of Directors, subject only to the review and judgment of the Society at its Annual Meeting, shall have the management of all the property and business of the corporation, except as herein otherwise provided. This Board shall hold its Annual Meeting on the Tuesday after the third Sunday of January, a semi-annual meeting at such time as the Board shall decide, and, in addition, such specially-called meetings as may be deemed necessary by the Board or its Administrative Committee. All important questions of policy and all major questions of administration shall be reserved for decision at such meetings. After a due notice of the meeting has been sent in writing to each Director, thirteen shall constitute a quorum. Notices of Directors' meetings shall be given by the General Secretary, or in case of a vacancy in that office, by the President. At the Annual Meeting, the Board shall determine the apportionment of home missionary funds and other related matters, and pass upon any question involving the comprehensive work of administration of the Society, including the election of official representatives, national and state. It shall assemble at the Annual Meeting, as far as possible, Superintendents in Cooperating Conferences and Missionary Districts in order that the needs and opportunities in each of these states may be thoroughly presented to the Board.

Any and all property, real or personal, acquired by The Congregational Home Missionary Society, either by gift, devise or purchase, may be sold by the Board of Directors.

2. Between the meetings of the Board of Directors, the Administrative Committee shall, for the time being, except as limited by these By-Laws or by specific vote of said Board, have and exercise all powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation including, specifically, the power to sell or convey property, real or personal, subject to the regulations in the laws of the several states. It may authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all such contracts, papers and documents as may require it; shall keep a record of its proceedings, which shall be at any time open to the inspection of any member of the Board of Directors, and shall semi-annually present a detailed report of its doings, including the minutes of its meetings, to the Board of Directors.

3. To the Committee on Promotion is committed responsibility for the raising of funds for the Society, together with the dissemination of information by the printed page, public presentation and personal interviews necessary to this work. In this endeavor the Committee is entitled to the cooperation of the salaried officers and field workers of the Society in so far as their other duties permit.

## ARTICLE XIV.

## THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of the members of the Nominating Committee of the National Council. This Committee shall at each Biennial Meeting of the Society present nominations for President, Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Auditor, members of the Board of Directors and voting members-at-large in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws and with the action of the National Council relative to the common administration of this and other missionary societies.

## ARTICLE XV.

## SELF-SUPPORTING AND COOPERATING CONFERENCES AND MISSIONARY DISTRICTS

For the purpose of carrying on its work, the Society recognizes three forms of missionary organizations, namely Self-supporting Conferences or Home Missionary Societies, Cooperating Conferences and Missionary Districts.

1. Self-supporting Conferences and Home Missionary Societies of the kind referred to in Article II. are recognized as autonomous but any such organization which shall send, at the close of its fiscal year, a statistical summary of its work and of its receipts and expenditures for the preceding year, to the Treasurer of The Congregational Home Missionary Society, upon forms provided by said Society, shall be entitled to have such report included in the printed Annual Report of The Congregational Home Missionary Society.

2. A Cooperating Conference shall be one which has organized and incorporated a Conference of the kind referred to in Article II; has entered into definite annual agreement with the Board of Directors of The Congregational Home Missionary Society as to the proportion of its expenditures to be provided by the Conference and the proportion to be provided by this Society, has pledged its utmost endeavor in advancing the work, both in the Conference and in the nation; and whose application that such Conference should be entitled a Cooperating Conference has been approved by said Board of Directors. In Cooperating Conferences the Board of Directors and its Administrative Committee shall have power to appoint Superintendents and other general representatives upon nomination of the respective Conferences or their governing Boards. The employment of missionaries and the establishing of churches in each Cooperating Conference shall be in charge of the Conference itself and reports of the work being done shall be made in such form and at such times as the Board of Directors and the Conference may require.

3. All States and territories within which no Conference has been organized under conditions which the Board of Directors approve; and all such sections of the population, especially those speaking a foreign language, in which the Conferences or Home Missionary Societies agree that the Board of Directors and the officers of The Congregational Home Missionary Society shall operate directly as a missionary agency, shall be known as Missionary Districts. In these districts, the Board of Directors and its Administrative Committee shall have power to appoint Superintendents, to employ missionaries, to establish churches; and they shall report on the work in such form and at such times as the Board of Directors may require. It shall be the constant aim of the Board of Directors, its Administrative Committee, and its officers, so to promote the growth of Congregational churches in these Missionary Districts that approved Conferences may be established; and in the case of said sections of population, individual churches may be brought into such a condition, especially through the adoption of the English language in their public worship and Sunday Schools, that they may be passed under the care of the Conferences in the States to which they severally belong.

## ARTICLE XVI.

## MEETINGS

Regular meetings of this Society shall be held annually, and in years when the National Council holds regular sessions, the Annual Meeting shall be held in connection with the National Council. This meeting shall be known as the Biennial Meeting. In other years the Annual Meeting shall be held at such time and place in the United States as the Society, at the Biennial Meeting, shall appoint or on failure of such appointment, as the Board of Directors or its Administrative Committee, shall, with due notice, appoint. Special meetings shall be called by vote of the Board of Directors or the Administrative Committee, notice being mailed to each voting member of the Society at his last known address not later than thirty days prior to the date set, said notice stating the time and place of meeting and specifying the business to be transacted thereat. Twenty voting members shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE XVII.

## AMENDMENTS

No alterations shall be made in these By-Laws without a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual Meeting, or a special meeting; nor unless the same shall have been proposed in writing at a previous Annual Meeting, or shall be recommended by the Board of Directors or its Administrative Committee.

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NOTE: The By-Laws of The Congregational Church Building Society are the same as the preceding, with the following exceptions:

## ARTICLE I.

## NAME

The Society shall be called The Congregational Church Building Society.

## ARTICLE II.

## OBJECT

The object of this Society shall be to promote the building of meeting houses and parsonages by the Congregational churches of the United States and its possessions, and to render aid in such enterprises by grant or by loan.

## ARTICLE IV.

## OFFICERS

The Officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a General Secretary, who shall be the Secretary of the corporation; a Church Building Secretary, who shall be Assistant Secretary of the corporation, empowered to act as Secretary in the absence of the General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, such other secretaries and officers as may be needed for the transaction of its business, a Board of Directors, an Administrative Committee, and a Committee on Promotion.

## ARTICLE XV.

## CONFERENCE COOPERATION

The Society recognizes the Congregational Conferences throughout the United States as cooperating agencies, and their officers as advisers in its work.

NOTE: The By-Laws of The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society are the same as the preceding, with the following exceptions:

### ARTICLE I.

#### NAME

The Society shall be called The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society.

### ARTICLE II.

#### OBJECT

The object of this Society shall be to establish, aid and promote Sunday Schools, Bible Schools and kindred institutions, either directly or through other corporations having similar objects.

### ARTICLE XV.

#### CONFERENCE COOPERATION

The Society recognizes the Congregational Conferences throughout the United States as cooperating agencies, and their officers as advisers in its work.

### ARTICLE XVI.

#### MEETINGS

This Society shall meet annually on the Tuesday following the third Sunday in January, and in years when the National Council holds regular sessions shall adjourn to meet in connection with the National Council. This meeting shall be held at such time and place in the United States as the Society, at the Biennial Meeting, shall appoint or on failure of such appointment, as the Board of Directors or its Administrative Committee, shall, with due notice, appoint. Special meetings shall be called by vote of the Board of Directors or the Administrative Committee, notice being mailed to each voting member of the Society at his last known address not later than thirty days prior to the date set, said notice stating the time and place of meeting and specifying the business to be transacted thereat. Twenty voting members shall constitute a quorum.

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